



Probe report reveals crash pilot's flight dilemma

A LIGHT aircraft pilot crashed his plane into a field to avoid hitting power lines in an aborted test flight, air crash investigators have revealed. The Air Accident Investigation Branch (AIB) report says the take-off from Welshpool Airport took place at 8.30am on March 13. The plane crashed into a ploughed field when attempting a take-off. The

pilot is believed to have escaped injury. The report said: "The pilot was conducting an impromptu investigation of the aircraft's minimum unstuck speed. However, as he abandoned the take-off, he was unable to prevent a turn to the right and the aircraft landed heavily in a ploughed field to the right of the runway."

Unstick speed is the speed at which a plane can lift off the ground and continue take-off. The report said: "Fearing that he might run off the right side of the runway and potentially strike an edge light, he applied full power to clear the lights but was now faced with a dilemma - if he cut the power and abandoned the take off, he would

probably overrun into the boundary hedge. The pilot instead chose to remain airborne under full power, in the hope that he would clear the hedge, although he now realised that the aircraft was travelling nearly at right angles to the runway over a ploughed field with the right wing very close to stalled. "Any attempt to straighten up

using left rudder would now leave it flying towards power cables, so he initially chose to accept the turn to the right and continue under full power. "However, when he realised that this could make matters worse, he throttled back and accepted a very heavy landing in the ploughed field which collapsed the right and nose landing gear legs."

TRANSPORT

Traffic survey claim over homes plans refuted by experts

CLAIMS that a decision on plans to build 600 homes on the edge of Oswestry should be postponed to allow for more traffic surveys have been refuted.

A planning application has been submitted by J Ross Developments for the urban extension on the eastern gateway to Oswestry. There are also plans to build a pedestrian bridge over the A5/A483 to connect with a proposed new Mile End business park on the other side of the Oswestry bypass.

The Highways Agency wants more detailed figures on the use of the Mile End roundabout and also how a new roundabout to access the new development would affect Mile End.

Rebutting the need for more figures, Corun transport and highways engineering, which is working on behalf of J Ross Developments, has said that it has submitted the figures needed.

A report from the engineers says that traffic figures have been handed in projecting forward to 2026, which coincides with the end of the Shropshire local plan.

It also says the impact on the Mile End junction would be very little. The development was in the local plan and so should have been taken into account when the Mile End roundabout was improved, the report says. "The interaction between the site access roundabout and the Mile End roundabout and the risk of any impact is extremely low," the report adds.

ACCIDENT

Overtaken lorry causes road delays

AN overturned lorry caused long traffic queues on Tuesday morning at an accident blackspot near Oswestry.

The vehicle overturned at the Halton roundabout on the A483 at Chirk.

A spokesman for North Wales Police said: "Emergency services were at the scene where one person had a slight injury."

"The overturned white truck was on its side and the road was blocked on the A483 towards Wrexham."

Traffic was also affected heading east from Llangollen and onto the Chirk bypass.

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VISITOR NUMBERS ON THE INCREASE

Report by Sue Austin

ONE of Oswestry's leading tourism attractions has reported record visitors as other venues say it has been a great summer for the area.

Bosses at Park Hall Countryside Experience says its visitor figures are up by 19 per cent for the summer holiday period compared to last year while Oswestry's Cae Glas Park has also seen record numbers attend its Sunday music in the park afternoons throughout the summer.

And this weekend is shaping up to be a huge Bank Holiday success with more than 1,000 people arriving at the Park Hall showground for the national Honda Goldwing annual meet - an event open to the public on Sunday.

The Park Hall Countryside Experience began its 2016 season with a record Good Friday attendance and director Richard Powell said it had been a very good summer.

He said: "Our Good Friday figures were 20 per cent up on previous years and the good attendances have continued."

He said that the weather and new attractions had helped but said more and more people were discovering Oswestry as a visitor destination.

A series of attractions at Oswestry Showground have also boosted visitor numbers to the area. After a record 16,000 attended Oswestry Show, chairman Malcolm Roberts said that all year round events such as the Honda Goldwing meet boosted spending in the Oswestry area. He said: "We have a wide range of events at the showground throughout the year. There is the truck show and the VW festival and of course the vintage and veteran weekend. We also have a very popular pony club event that is taking place in the coming few weeks and there are the regular events such as antique weekends."

"I would think that over the year these events help bring hundreds of thousands of pounds into the local economy."

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Trials offer slightly different obstacles to negotiate



Ben Knowles from the British Ironwork Centre says hello to young handler Logan Williams and his dog Ned. Photo: Alan Evans.

THEY won a nationwide following with television programmes such as One Man and His Dog and My Welsh Sheepdog's Tale.

Sheepdog trials are held across the country - but one staged near Oswestry on Sunday was most definitely something out of the ordinary.

Sheepdogs, guided by their owners, had to shepherd the sheep around not fences but huge giraffe sculptures and past obstacles such as gorillas and elephants before collecting them in. Even the collection point was different with the sheep being collected in a gazebo rather than the traditional pen.

The event was the second to be hosted at the British Ironworks Centre at Aston near Oswestry.

Winner of the morning session was Kevin Dodd from Malpas with his dog Bill. They scored six points.

The winner of the afternoon session was Caroline Visser, from the Netherlands, with her dog Jess. They scored 11 points.

One of the organisers was Gayle Forrester,

who describes herself as a hobbyist sheepdog trials competitor.

As well as being part of the organising team of volunteers Miss Forrester ran her young dog Edmund on the course.

Nearly 80 competitors took part, arriving at the centre from not only across Britain but from Europe.

Miss Forrester said: "Some of our competitors will be hobbyists like myself but others will be working farmers."

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Long-serving stallholder voices fears for footfall

Report by Sally Williams

A MARKET trader who has just celebrated 40 years in business says she is concerned that the footfall of traditional indoor markets is declining at an alarming rate.

Heather Anderson has been trading from Oswestry Indoor Market for four decades, selling all sorts of items in her antique and collectable shop called Once Upon A Tyme.

But she has noticed a serious drop in the number of visitors to the traditional market area over the past six months, which she blames partly on the rise of car boot sales and upcycling.

She said: "I've built up a good customer base here selling particular items people need - it is more about the choice of cotton threads than the silver thimble in my shop."

"But Oswestry's indoor market footfall has gone down and the trade has changed."

"Over the past five years, there has been a rise in the amount of car boot sales being held locally and people are throwing a lot more away to the rubbish tip than they used to in house clearances."

"In addition, Kindle is killing off the traditional large book trade."

"I feel more now like I am having to fuel my hobby with my own cash than running a business so I'm planning to enjoy my retirement early next year, after my marriage to my fiancé, author, Steve Bond, in October in Solva, Pembrokeshire."

David Clough, retail markets and events manager for Oswestry Market, said: "We don't have figures I'm afraid but it is a national (downward) trend for retail and markets in particular with the growing number of supermarkets and the internet."

"However, we are all working hard to drive footfall to the market by holding a huge amount of events and publicising widely, especially on social media and our new website."

"We have also been concentrating on increasing the coach visits to the town."

"There are a good number of traders who still achieve strong sales weekly."

Heather recently celebrated her 40 years of trade with Oswestry Mayor Paul Milner.



Heather and the mayor

Open garden event success boosts charity



Mel and Heather Parkes hand over the cheque to Liz Cyle from the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund

A COUPLE who opened the doors and gardens of their 16th century home which they have turned into a museum of Welsh country life, raised more than £2,000 for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund.

Mel and Heather Parkes, who own Lamplite Antiques in Welshpool, set out to raise £1,000 for the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital-based fund.

They were overwhelmed by the generosity of the large number of people who visited their home and garden at Church Bank on July 23 and 24. They raised £2,510.

Mel, who was successfully treated for prostate cancer at the unit, said the couple never imagined there would be such a

turnout. He said: "People just kept coming and those who couldn't be there have sent donations. The support has been fantastic and it's wonderful to be able to hand over so much money to such a good cause."

"The care I received at the Lingen Davies Unit was absolutely brilliant and the staff were all amazing so the very least we could do was to help towards the fund which keeps the unit going."

Heather said: "We are so grateful to everyone who has supported us and in particular Sheila Beedles, David and Margaret Rothwell and Alan Crow who helped us to cope with so many visitors over the weekend."

Liz Cyle, acting fundraising manager for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund, praised the couple for raising so much money.

She said: "Without this type of support it would be impossible to keep the unit running. We are extremely grateful to Mel and Heather for raising such a large sum of money." Visitors to the open day were able to wander through the house and a conservatory, and into a garden room which houses a museum of Welsh country life and tools from many trades. Visitors are also welcome by arrangement until September for groups of six people or more. Call Mel and Heather Parkes on (01938) 559112 or email melandheather@live.co.uk.

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Consultation on future of day centres

THE closure of Powys' day centres – except the one in Welshpool – could be the result of cost cutting by the county council.

The authority is currently consulting on the future of its day centres for older people and has launched a survey.

Earlier this year Welshpool Town Council took over the running of its day centre after fears that it could close. It was given a start up grant of £25,000 for the running of Westwood Day Centre.

The options for the other day centres are to not close any of the existing services and to continue as is; close all day centres including third sector provision with effect from March 2017; and to take a phased approach to decommissioning all existing provision, except for Westwood in Welshpool.

The county council has launched an online survey to ask residents for their views on other centres.

Councillor Stephen Hayes, Portfolio Holder for Adult Services said; “We currently run six day centres across Powys and help fund five other organisations to deliver services on our behalf.

“But continued financial pressures and the reduced funding available means we have to review how we deliver services in the future.”

The consultation will close on October 28.

Changes made to museum in town

CHANGES have been made to a museum with new displays and other developments to improve experiences for visitors.

In the last six months Powysland Museum in Welshpool has undergone a number of changes to enhance the visitor experience and to create access to more of the museum's collections.

Outside the museum, the previous wooden sculpture has made way for two large herons created by local artist Roger Williams.

Inside, the museum's reception desk has been rebuilt and enlarged so it is now a proper workspace as well as a welcoming introduction to the museum. In the museum's permanent galleries on the first floor additional items have been added to the World War One and Two exhibitions and there are some completely new displays on Welsh Ladies, the Eisteddfod and Laura Ashley.

It's celebration time for learners

POWYS pupils have again achieved very good A-level results in the WJEC examinations.

Nearly one in five Powys results for 2016 are at the highest grades A*-A (18.3 per cent) and almost five out of every 10 results (48.3 per cent) were at grades A*, A and B.

More than five per cent of results were at grade A* and a further 13 per cent were at grade A.

Results at grades A*-B remain higher than the all-Wales figure (48.1 per cent).

Almost everyone who took a WJEC A-level in Powys passed (97.5 per cent) and this remains higher than for Wales as a whole.

Councillor Arwel Jones, cabinet member for education, said: “These are very good results clearly reflecting the dedication and hard work of pupils

and teachers in all Powys schools.

“Our warm congratulations go to all the young people on their well-deserved achievements and to all those who have supported them throughout their school careers.

“We wish all the students every success for the future.”

Meanwhile, staff and students at The Maelor School, Penley, near Overton, were delighted to see record

A-level results, with 43 per cent of all A levels taken achieving the top grades of A or A*.

Headteacher Simon Ellis said “I am delighted with the achievement of these students, we have been working very closely with Oxford and Cambridge university as part of a project called SEREN aiming to stretch the most able and make sure that they reach their potential”.

Relief for students as A-level results revealed

Report by Sue Austin

HUGE smiles were accompanied by some worried looks as A-level students opened their brown result envelopes.

Relief was etched on the faces of students at sixth forms and colleges who discovered they could go to university or an apprenticeship scheme.

Head of the Marches in Oswestry, Sarah Longville, said its results were testimony to why the school pushed so hard for a sixth form. Students and staff built on the success of last year's first ever A-level results, celebrating a pass rate of 100 per cent with 41 per cent of entries at A*-B.

Some of the best results were at Moreton Hall, near Oswestry, where nearly 70 per cent of entries were awarded the top grades of A*, A and B with a number of subjects – such as economics, history and classical civilisation – achieving 100 per cent at A*-C.

“The perseverance and determination of individual students has been outstanding, with many students exceeding their predictions,” said principal Jonathan Forster.

At Llanfyllin High School 51 per cent of results were at grades A* to B and 80 per cent were grades A* to C.

“Once again our Welsh language students achieved excellent results with 100 per cent of passes at grades A* to C,” said headteacher Mike Jones.

Adcote School said it was thrilled to announce another successful set of A Level equivalent results including 50 per cent at A* and A grade.

For Dinas Bran, Llangollen, the overall pass-rate at A level grades A*-E was 99 per cent, with over half of all grades awarded at A*-B.

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Will Pickles, Matt Roberts, Chris Burgess and Jamie Fugill from the Marches School open their results

NEWS IN BRIEF

Driver assaulted on village road

A MAN was assaulted after the driver of a white van blocked the path of the victim's car.

The attack happened on Ellesmere Road, near the mini roundabout, in St Martins, near Oswestry.

Police said the incident involved two vehicles – the victim's, a small green car, and the offending vehicle, a white van, possibly an Astra with a child in the passenger seat.

Both vehicles had been travelling towards the direction of Stan's Superstore in St Martins between about 7.30pm and 7.40pm on Monday, July 25.

Police, who only released details of the incident this week, said the van had been travelling behind the victim's car but had then pulled out in front and blocked the vehicle's path.

Officers said the driver then got out of the vehicle and assaulted the victim.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101, quoting incident reference 0704S 250716

MP backs move for badger cull

SHROPSHIRE should be included in areas selected for controversial badger culls according to a county MP.

Badgers are to be shot in five new areas of England in a bid to control bovine TB (bTB) according to a leaked report, although Shropshire is not included. North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson said: “If this report is true, I would like the culling to extend to Shropshire and Mid Wales too.

“In Somerset the cull has been a huge success; there has been a decline in the number cattle with the disease and even farms that have suffered from bTB for 30 years are now clear. The sooner this success is replicated around the country the better.”

But Shropshire Badger Group says there is no evidence that culling is effective.

A total of 227,835 cattle have been culled in England because of bovine TB since 2008.

Workshop at library

AN animation workshop for youngsters with artist Cora Thurst will be held at Oswestry Library on September 2 from 10am to 12.30pm.

The workshop will allow people to explore the basics of animation, create a character, invent a ‘story in a box’, draw a storyboard and stage photographs to tell the story.

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The damaged stile

Damage to stile at site is criticised

A COMMITTEE which helps manage a nature reserve has criticised those who caused damage to a stile which allows access to the site.

Ann Williams, chairman of the Ifton Meadows management committee, has spoken out following the damage to one of the stiles at the reserve in St Martins near Oswestry.

West Mercia Police said two slats have been removed from the stile

which serves a public footpath in the Glyn Morlas area of St Martins.

The stile has been put in place to allow pedestrian access into the Ifton Meadows Nature Reserve and provide a barrier to keep any livestock within its boundaries and off the surrounding roads. Mrs Williams said she believes the damage was caused by cyclists who were trying to get their bikes over. She

said: "I'm not 100 per cent sure but I think this damage was caused by cyclists, and if that's the case then that's selfish because the site is a cycle-free zone because it's very vulnerable due to it being a slag heap from the old colliery.

"Anyone who rides around the site on a bike causes a lot of damage, and also it isn't really a good idea for cyclists, walkers and children to

be mixing."Despite Mrs Williams believing the damage was caused by cyclists, West Mercia Police say they think it was the result of people trying to get large dogs in and out of the area.

A police spokesperson said: "Two slats have been removed not as an act of pointless vandalism, but the police believe as a means to get large dogs onto and off the area."

Cluster plans 'could be the answer to saving services'

Report by Naomi Penrose

VITAL services including libraries and keeping the streets clean could be saved if community councils in Mid Wales decide to join forces in a cluster.

Llanfyllin Town Council, which is leading the bid, warns that council tax payers could face a doubling of their precept if they take over the services from Powys County Council but that would ensure the future of local authority-run services.

Councillor John Brautigam said: "It isn't something I'm happy about but if people want to keep their library service and other important services running then this is how we'll be able to. This will be a considerable hike in precept, between £15 to £20 per house per annum in Llanfyllin but that would cover everything."

Councillor Brautigam said before any decisions are made a "very substantial" consultation will be carried out to consider the feeling of residents, which he wants to happen "sooner rather than later".

Clustering talks to take over services from Powys County Council have advanced, according to Councillor Brautigam.

This comes after the proposals fell flat last year over disagreement about Powys County Council's financial settlement.

However the authority has upped the settlement, offering up to 45 per cent funding static for five years, as well as including vehicle costs in the package.

This compares to a previous offering of 40 per cent in the first year, 35 per cent in the second, and 30 per cent in the third year, and that was without vehicle costs.

The latest settlement would mean a jump from £14,000 to £20,000 of funding.

If the clustering partnership did go ahead, it would see 12 community councils including Llanfyllin Town Council, banding together to take over services.

Explosion probe continues



The Kronospan factory in Chirk is one of the area's largest employers

A PROBE into an explosion at a factory is complex and will take a long time to complete, investigators have revealed.

The blast happened at Kronospan in Chirk, near Oswestry just weeks after pupils from nearby Ysgol y Waun were kept inside during their playtime because of concerns over dust emissions from the factory.

There were no injuries in the explosion, which happened at about 9am on August 12.

Natural Resources Wales said it was working with the Health and Safety Executive to investigate what happened in the

incident. Paul Wright, industry regulation team leader for Natural Resources Wales said: "This is a complex situation and it will take time to conclude the joint investigation. We regulate sites like this to reduce the impact of pollution on people and the environment. We were informed of an explosion at the Kronospan site in Chirk on August 12. There is no impact on the environment from the incident."

Kronospan spokeswoman Candida Pryce-Jones said it had been a suspected gas explosion that was dealt with by its onsite fire team.

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Patient died after surgery at hospital, inquest is told

Report by Wayne Beese

A PENSIONER died in a Shropshire hospital after surgeons perforated her bowel while trying to insert a catheter, an inquest into her death was told.

Barbara Edith Worthington died at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital nearly two weeks after the surgery at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital in April this year.

The 82-year-old osteoporosis sufferer, from Malvern, was admitted to the orthopaedic hospital after suffering a fractured neck and spine following a fall at home, the inquest was told.

Inquiry after diesel seeps into brook

NATURAL Resources Wales says red diesel seeped into a brook in Welshpool.

The organisation has been investigating since the pollution was reported last month and says it has now discovered the likely source.

Oil analysis linked the fuel found in the Lledan Brook in Welshpool to a red diesel tank at a local fuelling station.

While the tanks are now believed to be empty some residual oil is leaching from the ground affected by the leak.

Since the pollution was reported on July 21, NRW has been working to minimise the impact to the environment and continues to investigate any other potential source of pollution.

The pollution is currently contained in a 150 metre stretch of the river, and samples continue to be analysed at NRW's laboratory. Lledan Brook runs through Welshpool, into the Severn, one of Wales's most important fishing rivers and an important source of water.

There is no known effect on water quality in the River Severn.

Dave Powell, operations manager, Natural Resources Wales said: "Protecting Wales' environment is a top priority for us and we take it very seriously when pollution is reported."

"We have brought the pollution under control and believe that we have now identified the source. There are no signs of dead fish or fish in distress."

Stars hoping for games glory



Paralympian Ryan Cockbill is wished all the best by hospital staff and supporters

A NUMBER of past and present patients at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital will be representing Britain at this year's Paralympics which start next month.

Para-shooter Ryan Cockbill, 26, was paralysed from the chest down after an accident in a shallow pool while celebrating the end of his GCSEs with friends.

He will compete in the R4 and R5 100m air rifle competition in Rio - having also been in the London Paralympics four years ago, finishing 21st and 17th respectively in the two events.

He is a patient within the hospital's Midland Centre for Spinal Injuries. "I came in as an inpatient not long after the accident and I've been popping in and out for various treatment ever since," he said.

Patients Paul Shaw, coach of the GB Wheelchair Rugby Team, and three members of his squad James Roberts, Ryan Cowling and Alan Ash, will also be looking for glory in Rio.

And the Team GB women's wheelchair basketball team will also include teenager Charlotte Moore, another orthopaedic hospital patient.

Away from the competitive action, the hospital will also be represented in the television studio - as the Channel 4 line-up includes patient Arthur Williams. Former Royal Marine Arthur was paralysed from the waist down in a car accident and has gone on to forge a career first as a wheelchair racer and, in recent years, as a TV presenter.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

The shocking death of former Aston Villa footballer Dalian Atkinson in Telford has brought the debate about the use of tasers by the police to the top of the news agenda this week.

The 48-year-old died after being struck by a police taser outside his father's house on August 15. And now two West Mercia Police are under criminal investigation following the incident.

Campaigners have long been warning that the tasers can all too easily become a deadly weapon, particularly if victims happen to be suffering from heart complaints as could well turn out to be the situation in Mr Atkinson's case, according to relatives of the dead man. This latest high profile incident will add substantial weight to the case against tasers.

No-one has suggested that officers are trigger-happy. But there is growing concern that the taser might not be as safe as we have all been led to believe and campaigners are being quick to react to this latest incident, particularly because of the high profile of the victim.

Even the police watchdog the Independent Police Complaints Commission has warned forces against the overuse of the deterrent and I'm not surprised after witnessing officers demonstrating the use of the stun gun several years ago. An officer volunteered to be stunned to convince the watching press that the system was safe, but it left me more than a little worried about some of the possible consequences.

Our police forces must have some kind of deterrent available to them. After all we don't want to go down the same road as our American cousins who seem to shoot first and ask questions later. But we may need to look for a safer option, if only to protect our officers.

You'd be hard pressed to find a man more committed to supporting and serving the town of Oswestry than Paul Milner, the current Mayor. The man lives and breathes Oswestry and is to be commended for his latest venture raising support for any new emergency care centre to be based in Shrewsbury and not Telford. Councillor Milner raised over 4,000 names on a petition he recently handed to health chiefs which spoke up for not just the people of Oswestry but those over the Powys border too, because all will be affected if the service moves 20 miles further away.

If facilities were removed from Shrewsbury, the distance from some parts of north Shropshire to a site in Telford could be up to two hours. Clearly this is unacceptable and places patients at significant and unacceptable risk. How right he is and it's exactly the same for those on the Wales side of the Powys/Shropshire border.



"The force must sustain and extend its connections and relationships with local communities"



The plan promises better support for the victims of crime to help them recover from their ordeal



Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia John Campion has set out his four-year plan

Commissioner sets out priorities in policing plan

West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner JOHN CAMPION outlines his vision for the region

TAKING a good service and making it great represents a big challenge. It requires attention to detail, understanding, the right resources and a determination to succeed.

This is the challenge I have set myself: to take our strong foundation of a good police force and create an even safer West Mercia.

This means giving our officers the tools, skills and processes to do their work more effectively and more efficiently. It also means establishing West Mercia as a modern, dynamic, innovative police force while retaining the traditional fundamentals of good policing.

The force must sustain and extend its connections and relationships with local communities by improving engagement, visibility and accessibility.

For our communities, it will mean empowering people to play a more active role in identifying and tackling local issues.

Active citizenship can and should have a major part in creating communities which are safer, stronger and more united.

I want to ensure people have the opportunities and tools to make more positive contributions to their own communities, with appropriate backing from the police or other partners as required.

I also want to provide a better service for victims of crime. Where people do fall victim, I will ensure they consistently get the support they need to cope, recover and prevent re-victimisation.

For partner agencies, it will mean



John Campion has pledged to make communities feel safer

working closer together to achieve the best possible value and results for the public.

We will need to be reactive and adaptive together, as society, culture and technology evolve, to ensure we deliver the priorities the public needs.

None of this will be easy but I will work tirelessly to make it a reality.

My plan outlines how I will ensure West Mercia is served by a modern, more effective and efficient police force.

It outlines how I will enable more active citizenship, empowering communities themselves to help tackle local issues. It outlines how I will work with partners to achieve the best possible results and value for the public.

I will ensure improved and more consistent services for the victims and witnesses who suffer most from crime.

I will ensure they get the right help to

cope and recover at every point of their journey.

As your commissioner I will set out my commitment in a new Victims' Charter, clarifying what services victims can expect.

I will make best use of any new responsibilities from government to further enhance services for victims and witnesses locally and support the appropriate use of restorative justice.

A Victims Board will co-ordinate victim services which help victims cope and recover.

It will ensure victims and witnesses get the right information at the right time, and act on recurring concerns about victims in the criminal justice system. It will identify and resolve issues around regarding policies and processes.

I will reduce harm and increase

safety in communities right across West Mercia, particularly for our most vulnerable people.

From my perspective this is a non-negotiable part of policing and a key commitment from my partners. Together we can build a more secure West Mercia by understanding and tackling the causes of crime, improving community resilience and cohesion and being more responsive to emerging threats.

In building a more secure West Mercia, my particular focus areas will be:

- Child sexual exploitation, domestic and sexual abuse, safeguarding vulnerable adults and children
- Rape and sexual offences
- Drugs and alcohol
- Violent crime
- Anti-social behaviour
- Serious and organised crime
- Reducing reoffending
- Road safety

I will make sure the Safer Roads Partnership responds to community concerns as well as working to reduce deaths and serious injuries on our roads, and provide oversight and support to West Mercia's Reducing Reoffending Strategy.

I will ensure there are fewer repeat victims and offenders, and increased reporting of offences.

I will deliver reduced or stable levels of recorded crime and anti-social behaviour.

West Mercia Police is a professional, hard-working force that delivers a good service to its communities.

I will build on those foundations by transforming the organisation into a modern, innovative force, leading the way nationally and delivering even more locally. I will back the force with the investment and resources it needs to become more responsive to changing demands.

The aim is to create a police force that is known and respected both nationally and locally for its outstanding performance.

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It's now over two months since the referendum in which a majority of UK voters, Wales voters, Shropshire voters and Powys voters decided they wanted to leave the European Union.

It was a hard fought referendum.

It was a clear result on a huge turn-out.

The majority in favour of Leave was over a million votes.

Yet disappointingly, there are many on the losing side are not prepared to accept the result.

They are calling for another referendum (so that we can make the 'right' decision).

Or for a vote in Parliament to approve the terms (yet to be negotiated) on which the UK will leave - nothing more than a legalistic delaying tactic.

Dear Chronicle readers, it's not going to happen.

It's time to get real.

As our new Prime Minister, Theresa May has said again and again "Brexit means Brexit".

There will not be a re-run of the referendum, no matter how many petitions there are.

The BBC's relentless pro-Remain bias will not succeed. The House of Lords will not be free to frustrate the voice of the people. The voters of Britain have spoken.

Respected

Their voice will be respected. Let's consider what has happened over the last two months, compared with the disasters that were promised before the referendum.

We were warned that the city would suffer a disaster. But the FTSE has risen to near record levels.

We were promised unemployment, higher mortgages and big falls in house prices. Jobs have carried on being created to record levels since we voted to leave.

Businesses which threatened to leave the UK have decided to invest here instead. The impact of a Leave vote has been nothing like the problem that was predicted.

All really good news.

But it's not time to celebrate yet.

The UK will be a full member of the EU for another two years at least, and it could be nearer to three years.

International markets do not like uncertainty.

During the next two years, we will need to have established new trading agreements. This will be complex. There will be disappointments along the way.

But I remain entirely confident the British people took the right road on June 23.

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Glyn Davies
Montgomeryshire MP

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Letters

Decision sparks new fears for the City

THE Brexit vote sent huge shockwaves through the country but none so severe as in the financial institutions based in London.

Currently the big indicator of things to come is the proposed merger between the London and Frankfurt stock exchanges. Prior to the Brexit vote the headquarters would have been based in London.

However Germany's Felix Hufeld; the most senior official to rule out London publicly as the head office of the merged Deutsche Boerse-London Stock Exchange group, joins a group who increasingly question London's future role as the Eu-

ropean centre for financial trade. It's not just stocks and shares under threat. "Without doubt ... it is hard to imagine that the most important exchange venue (for trading in the Euro), in the euro zone would be steered from a headquarters outside the EU," Hufeld said.

Once these institutions leave London we lose the ability to regulate them and even hand over the option to the likes of Germany and France to regulate London out of existence.

So what's at stake? Trading in Euro based securities is massive and around two trillion euros worth is based in London.

That generates an awful lot of salaries and taxes. Have no doubt a lot of that goes to fund your local hospital and school; wherever it is.

The EU vote was seen as a punch on the nose by the regions for the Londoners, which it was.

People are now saying London never listened to the regions but it is now which is a bit like the guy in the Titanic's engine room telling the captain to steer left. Pointless if the ship is going down which in my personal opinion it is.

ROBIN LLOYD
Ellesmere

Tony puts us right on milk lorry photograph



Tony Hughes put us right about this nostalgic photo we carried recently taken at Cilcewydd Mill, Forden, which we said showed a Bedford lorry unloading milk. But Tony says it is the other way round – the lorry is actually loading milk. He said: "My father Allan Hughes was transport manager and was there for a long time. The picture shows the tankers taking milk from the creamery and then on to Wolverhampton and Birmingham, to the Midland Counties Dairies down there."

Result of the big referendum has no legal standing

IF you voted to remain in the European Union, didn't vote at all or now regret voting to leave there's some good news.

The result of the referendum carries no legal weight. Parliament does not have to trigger Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, that will take us out of the EU.

It's entirely up to our MPs what they decide to do now.

It would be brave of them to vote against invoking Article 50, but the economic meltdown that has followed the referendum clearly shows that not leaving the EU is the right thing to do.

Most countries that hold referenda have strict rules on whether the result counts – usually a two-thirds majority on at least a 75 per cent turnout is needed.

The EU referendum saw a majority of only 53 per cent on a turnout of just 72 per cent.

This means that only 37 per cent of the UK's electorate actually voted to leave the EU.

MARK ROBERTS
Ludlow

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Isolation and Ukip's main aim

NOW Ukip have been instrumental in making us independent surely they are no longer relevant – done! Or do they aim to isolate us even further? Or do they have a hidden agenda? We have yet to discover what their policy is.

The last thing we require is a movement which can harbour fascism. Let's face it Brexit's main thrust was migration and the unfounded fear of Turkey releasing 85 million on us.

ROD SHAW
Shrewsbury

People travel in different ways to A&E departments

NOT all our visits to the accident and emergency departments are life or death situations.

But it is still important that visits can be achieved without spending all day travelling.

What would be enlightening is if the same exercise, which assumes the use of a car, was applied again but by taking public transport.

The loss of one of the A&Es in Shropshire would show a stark reality.

It would illustrate what it would mean for the elderly car users who just travel in their own neighbourhood and non-car owners – and there are quite a few.

The question that needs to be asked is, "whose benefit is the NHS for?"

Of course, now the referendum vote is bringing us out of the European Union the problem is solved.

There will be all that money saved to improve the National Health Service.

Ha! Ha!
JOHN LLOYD
All Stretton

Farage should be given the great honour of a knighthood

WHEN Nigel Farage became leader of UKIP, which was a young party but growing, he was really the first man to have the guts to stand up for this country and expose EU wrongdoings.

He led a small party and as such, was not, in the view of the EU elite, worth bothering with.

UKIP grew under his charismatic leadership and determination, as British citizens were waking up to what was secretly happening to their country; no longer a Common Market but changing inch by stealthy inch to a United States of Europe, controlled by Brussels.

The referendum marked the beginning of the dirtiest campaign waged by some of the remainers ever to stain British democracy, sinking to the lowest levels ever witnessed in political history.

Nigel Farage was named the whipping boy, abused, shouted at, branded chief racist and the man to be despised.

Even though this was the man who had stood up to EU abuse for over 20 years, the man who never stopped believing in Britain and British values, the man who told the truth that others were frightened to proclaim, and the man to be forgotten now that he, with his doctored supporters and donors, have won the biggest bloodless war in history.

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BRIAN SEYMOUR
Kynnersley

Concerns over EU Brexit vote

I WRITE in response to comments made by Henry Porcher who was stunned and amazed by the naivety of my recent letter to the Chronicle.

I was only quoting what Stanley Johnson had said in a national newspaper and his speech in Hyde Park. They were not my words even if I voted to remain with friends employed by wildlife conservation charities now concerned what effects in funding following Brexit could have.

The EU were kind in that respect.

Tom Heap, a Countryfile presenter, interviewed Boris Johnson at their family farm congratulating his father for achievements in conservation prior to the results and his opinion on an EU ban on US GM.

A Cambridge academic speaking on Radio 4 was horrified by the UK divorce from Europe. And finally my age group I think would have been rather selfish to have ticked the no box and not consider the younger generation who will be here for many years after my own demise and effects yet to be seen.

I am aware that MEPs' salaries are still being claimed, presumably paid for by UK taxpayers, along with UK MPs and House of Lords members.

I do not agree with it but that's politics.
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Shopping centre's major wedding event is expanding

Commercial feature
One of Telford's longest-running wedding fayres is expanding.

The Telford Shopping Centre Wedding Exhibition is a major annual event which takes place in January every year and has done for over 20 years. January 2016 was one of the best years for bookings, some exhibitors received over 25 bookings and it was suggested by exhibitors that an additional fayre was launched for September 2016.

The Telford Shopping Centre agreed to host the event on September 1 to 4 and it will be displayed in the main squares of the shopping centre.

The event is organised by Michael Haines, Director of Victoria James, also located in Telford Shopping Centre. Michael has organised the event for several years.

He said: "We are very proud to organise such an event, helping local Bride and Grooms to find their perfect wedding accessories and services, we take pride in sourcing only the finest well respected exhibitors based locally, January is our biggest event but we are confident September will grow to be just as big providing two major wedding events for the town.

"People travel from the West Midlands, Wales, Chester and further afield to visit the event and of course enjoy a little retail therapy."

Shropshire Country Brides who



The Telford Shopping Centre Wedding Exhibition event is expanding

have been attending the event for over 20 years will showcase a large display of beautiful dresses a highlight of the event and a huge attraction to visitors, in addition companies such as Champagne & Roses, Peter Posh, Simply Beautiful, and Kings Menswear will also be attending. Organisers have exhibitor space available and are

seeking local companies who offer something a little different to add to the event.

The event also has its own website – www.telfordweddingexhibition.co.uk – where visitors can plan their day and see profiles on all the companies attending.

Two more members for new style rotary club



Cambrian Rotary membership representative Cath Baldry welcomes Merrick Corfield, left, and Cliff Wood

A NEW style of Rotary club in Oswestry has welcomed another two members into its growing club.

Merrick Corfield from Hengoed and Cliff Wood from Pont Robert have been welcomed by Oswestry Cambrian Rotary into its expanding ranks.

The two men are also very active Osyteers in the club's community project to help the elderly and vulnerable in our locality with the practical help that may not be available through any

Report by Naomi Penrose

of the other charities and organisations in Oswestry.

At the other end of the age spectrum they are both heavily involved in work with young people which is another key plank of what Rotary does.

Cliff Wood said "I am very pleased to be accepted by Cambrian Rotary. I was particularly attracted by the very relaxed and friendly atmosphere created by the members and the fact that there are no real demands on attendance so it fits nicely with my business

and family life but allows me to serve my community in all sorts of ways".

President Mike Lade added: "As a flexible and innovative club we can have a complete relook at the rule book and change the way Rotary has operated in the past. We are looking for just ordinary people in our community aged 18+ who want to be part of the most easily recognised and trusted service organisations in the world and to help people whilst being amongst our friends."

Cambrian Rotary membership representative Cath Baldry welcomed Mr Corfield and Mr Wood to the group.



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Hour-long challenge is laid down by child charity

A CHARITY fighting to end child abuse is calling for people in Shropshire and Mid Wales to join hundreds of runners, swimmers and cyclists of all ages and abilities to race against the clock for 60 minutes.

Whether participants run, swim or cycle as part of a team or individually, outside or in the gym, the NSPCC wants to see how many miles can be clocked in the race against child abuse.

Every mile passed goes toward helping the charity keep one million children safe.

The charity is urging people to register for its 60 Minute Challenge by October 2.

Actor Kai Owen, who played Pete Buchanan in Hollyoaks, said: "Recent storylines on the show highlighted the need for young people to have a confidential and safe place to share their concerns and worries. To be believed and heard. This is a great opportunity to own an hour whilst actively raising money to help the NSPCC change a child's life. During the 60 minutes, I will be attempting to achieve my own personal goal of 10km in 60 minutes."

Amanda Synnott, NSPCC's Shropshire community fundraising manager, said: "This event is a fun way for athletes in Shropshire to achieve new personal bests or for novices to spend 60 minutes seeing how far they can go. Anyone can take part, so whether you are family, a team or an individual, the 60 Minute Challenge is your chance to make 60 minutes count."

Registration for the NSPCC's 60 Minute Challenge is free for all and adults can sign up and accompany on behalf of under 18s. To find out how to register, visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/events/60-minute-challenge/>

Reduced bus service for villages to be brought in

Report by Sue Austin

BUS routes on the Shropshire border which have not run for a month will be replaced – but with a reduced service.

They include the Ceiriog Valley and the Whitchurch to Wrexham route which join up villages including Overton, Penley, Hanmer and Bronington.

It is thought that the number of journeys on the latter route, the 146 bus, could be at least halved from the previous 15 journeys at day.

Residents in rural areas of the Wrexham county were left without public transport when GHA Coaches went into administration in July.

About 300 people lost their jobs and bus routes across Shropshire, Wales and Cheshire were affected. Shropshire Council found alternative bus companies to take over its routes but Wrexham Council was left with eight services not replaced.

Wrexham Council said contracts have now been awarded for these remaining routes, but many will not run to the original timetables. Start dates and new timetables have not yet been finalised with the traffic commissioner needing to approve the new plan before it can be implemented.

The council's lead member for transport, Councillor David A Bithell, said: "We know the weeks since GHA Coaches went into administration have been an incredibly frustrating time for people reliant on public transport, but following the tender process we will be able to get things moving as quickly as possible."

More than 100 people recently packed into a public meeting in the White Horse pub in Overton to call for the bus service to be replaced.

Glazing company supports hospice



Hospice fundraisers receive the donation from staff at Heritage Glass Group

A GLAZING company has handed over £500 to a children's charity based near Oswestry.

The money was raised by staff from Heritage Glass Group in Shrewsbury for Hope House Children's Hospice. The hospice is in Morda near Oswestry.

The company invited special

guests and customers to an evening river cruise and social event aboard the Sabrina boat, which also featured live music and a special raffle.

During the evening, guests were treated to cup cakes sponsored by SE Computers and anybody receiving one containing a jam surprise was the winner of donated prizes, includ-

ing large Bentley and BMW toy cars.

Heritage Glass director Tony Randall explained: "We always try to support local firms and organisations so having recently fitted out the Sabrina boat with new bespoke window we decided to jump on board with them and organise this social evening."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire crew called to tackle bin blaze

AN industrial wheelie bin has again been involved in a fire in an alleyway in Oswestry.

Firefighters from Oswestry went to the Clawdd Du alley in the town centre at 3.50pm on Tuesday where they found the bin on fire.

They brought the blaze quickly under control. The fire teams used drag hooks and a thermal image camera to ensure the fire was out.

Police are investigating the cause of the fire.

Earlier this year Oswestry Chamber of Commerce raised the continual siting of industrial wheelie bins in the alleyway with Shropshire Council.

It said it had written to households and businesses reminding them of the waste collection arrangements.

In 2014 a family of four were trapped in their flat when a blazing bin blocked the escape route from their home. They were rescued by firefighters from the first floor flat while fire crews tried to put out the fire in an industrial bin in the Clawdd Du alleyway.

Injuries sustained in late night crash

THE fire brigade and ambulance service were called to a road traffic collision involving one vehicle in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

A fire engine from Ellesmere station and one ambulance were sent to the A495 at Whittington just after midnight.

Fire crews made the vehicle safe and its two occupants were assessed at the scene and non-life-threatening injuries were checked.

Claire Brown, press officer for West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, said: "One patient suffered a finger injury and the other a head injury."

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Tour of Britain ticket contest**

RESIDENTS and cycling enthusiasts in Powys could find themselves right in touching distance of Tour of Britain riders as they sprint towards the finish line if they enter a competition. Powys County Council and the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society have teamed up to offer a pair of VIP tickets at the Stage Four finish of this year's Tour of Britain, which will be hosted at the Royal Welsh Showground in Llanfawr.

Stage Four takes place on September 7. To enter the competition, answer the following question: How many kilometres is Stage Four of this year's Tour of Britain race?

Email your answer to midwalesmyway@powys.gov.uk along with your name and address by September 2.

Research service is a big success

A COUNCIL service that provides free access to an online research service has hit the top three for use in the UK, Powys County Council has announced.

The council's Library Service offers the popular research service 'Access to Research' at all its branch libraries.

The service gives students and researchers free access to over 15 million academic articles from their local library. The library service has been part of the Access to Research service since it was launched.

Latest figures released by the Publishers Licensing Society showed the library service in the region was the third highest performing service during July for people using Access to Research.

Number of school sex attack claims revealed

Report by Naomi Penrose

DOZENS of alleged incidents of sexual offences have been reported at schools in Mid Wales over the past four years.

Dyfed-Powys Police classed the 40 alleged incidents as sexual offences in Powys, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, and Ceredigion schools in the four years between 2011/12 and 2014/15.

There were eight reports of sexual offences on school premises recorded in 2011/12, five in 2012/13, seven in 2013/14 and 20 in 2014/15.

Reported incidents included rape, sexual activity involving a child and sexual assault. The figures were obtained by global children's charity Plan International UK from a Freedom of Information request of UK police forces with 34 of 45 responses across England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Alleged offences ranged from harassment to serious sexual assaults and rapes. Less than one in 10 suspected cases resulted in criminal charges or summons.

Plan International UK is calling for the government to commit to mandatory sex and relationships education which covers sexting, consent, healthy relationships and the law.

Kerry Smith, Plan International UK head of girls' rights, said: "This shows that we're failing young people when it comes to learning about healthy relationships and consent."

Dog charity receives funds boost



Diana Gerrett, Jen Stocking, Gwyneth Davies and Tim Sherlock with Izzy

A CROSS-border choir collaboration has raised hundreds of pounds for Search and Rescue Dogs Wales.

Guildsfield Singers and Oswestry-based chamber choir Canticiones held a joint concert at the Assembly Room at Welshpool Town Hall.

Choir chairman Diana Gerrett made a presentation of £260 to Tim Sherlock, from the charity. Also present were secretary Jen Stocking and treasurer Gwyneth Davies. Mr Sherlock was accompanied by Izzy, a dog in training for search and rescue. He said that Izzy had done two of her three years training and once that was completed she would work for about seven years. He said dogs may specialise according to their aptitude.

Mr Sherlock said some work in the mountains seeking out injured or missing hill-goers, while others are town based where they may be used to locate confused Alzheimer's sufferers who are lost, or missing children. The dogs also go abroad to help in disaster work including locating earthquake victims buried in rubble.

AM calls for free parking to help trade

PARKING should be made free in towns in Mid Wales, it has been claimed.

Montgomeryshire AM Russell George said he believes it would be a huge boost to businesses in the town.

A study by the Welsh Retail Consortium has revealed that while visits to Welsh high streets are on the up, shop vacancy rates rose to 11.9 per cent from 11 per cent in April.

Responding to the report, Russell George, Welsh Conservative shadow secretary for the economy, said: "While the modest increase in visitors to Wales' shops is encouraging, the report also confirms the continuation of a worrying trend for Wales' high streets. People should not be penalised with gratuitous charges for wanting to spend money in these under-threat areas."

"Poor parking, facilities, high charges, congestion and inadequate public transport links all serve to deter consumers from the high street."

"Welsh Conservatives believe that free parking is key to high street revival. Flexible parking schemes will encourage shoppers back into town centres."

Bicycle is stolen from canal wharf

A BIKE was stolen from a venue used by a charity which runs trips on the canal for disabled children.

A Giant Defy bike was taken on August 10 from a shed on the canal wharf in Welshpool. It belonged to a member of staff from the Heulwen Trust which run the trips.

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12 Green award delight for trust

THE trust which runs Shropshire's two main hospitals has struck gold by winning an environment award.

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust has been praised for making a positive impact on the environment and improving sustainability. It was recently presented with a gold award at the Green Apple Environment Awards.

Alex Ford, sustainable travel co-ordinator at SaTH, said: "A major area of improvement is the new cycle shelter infrastructure at The Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, where four locations were chosen to improve cycle parking as we wanted to give cyclists the opportunity to park as close to their workplace as possible, making the choice of cycling to work an easy one. I am delighted we have won a gold medal at the awards."

College set to stage advice sessions to give job guidance

NORTH Shropshire College will be holding an advice and guidance evening on Wednesday next week.

Sessions will be held at the college's Oswestry, Walford and Shipley campuses from 4pm to 8pm.

College spokesman Joseph Edwards said: "If you're still considering your options for September 2016 or your AS or A Level results weren't what you were expecting, then come and see us to discuss your options."

"It is not too late to apply for courses start-

Report by Naomi Penrose

ing this September. For more information or to apply, please go to www.nsc.ac.uk.

"You can also apply by calling the college admissions team on (01691) 688080 or email info@nsc.ac.uk. North Shropshire College will be starting the academic year with a host of new vocational courses, NSC now offers the widest range of BTEC, CACHE and City & Guilds courses in the area after moving away from A Levels.

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"Level 3 vocational qualifications are considered incredibly valuable in the workplace and are an acknowledged route into Higher Education. The Higher Education admission service, UCAS, says that A Levels are still the most popular route into university, but parents and students need to be aware of other options."

Doctors in Bank Holiday appeal

DOCTORS are encouraging people to plan their healthcare ahead of the bank holiday weekend.

With advice on common illnesses and the best medicines to treat them, visiting the pharmacist or phoning either NHS 111 or Shropdoc can save time in the waiting room, according to health chiefs. Minor injuries units in Ludlow, Whitechurch, Oswestry and Bridgnorth will also be available to deal with non-emergency injuries and minor conditions.

They can deal with conditions including bites, cuts and lacerations, fractures that require a plaster, minor burns and scalds and minor head injuries. Dr Julian Povey said: "If you're not feeling well over the bank holiday weekend, please take some time to consider where you should go to find help."

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New report flags up April money issue



April Jones was murdered by Mark Bridger



Mark Bridger was convicted of the murder of April Jones

MONEY collected by a town council after the murder of five-year-old Mid Wales schoolgirl April Jones was something it did not have the authority to do and should not have happened, a report has found.

Machynlleth Town Council banked £71,663 of public money before transferring it to April's Fund – something it did not have the power to do, according to auditor BDO.

BDO said money offered by the public should have been refused.

The council said it was holding an extraordinary meeting this week to discuss the report's recommendations.

The purpose of the fund was originally from money collected from local people who could not help with the search but wanted to help in some way.

The money was eventually donated to charities and other causes in the area.

Some of the money went to the school April attended – Ysgol Bro Hyddgen, formerly Ysgol Gynradd Machynlleth.

Breakfast seminar will look at pension issues

MORRIS Cook Chartered Accountants is hosting a free breakfast seminar for local employers at Oswestry Cricket Club, Morda Road on September 14.

The seminar offers all business owners crucial information on automatic enrolment and workplace pensions obligations.

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A total of £720 million was spent in the tourism sector in Powys last year – an increase of nine per cent, new data has shown.

The findings, revealed in an official review of tourism activity across Powys, showed the total number of visitor days in the county was 10.22 million – an increase of 7.3 per cent on

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2014. Staying visitor days also saw an increase during the same period with figures showing an 8.6 per cent hike with 7.12 million stays.

Kevin Heywood, deputy manager at one of the region's biggest tourist attractions – the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway – said he had noticed an influx of visitors at the railway, particularly this summer.

He said: "This summer we've certainly been busier, we've definitely noticed a boost compared to the last

few years. I'd say that comes down to a combination of a few different factors, including weather for example, but we've also changed our marketing strategy to reach new markets and operated on more days compared with last season, giving people greater choice. We're also trying to expand the business on the days that we operate, such as offering more trains during August to give our customers easier opportunities to travel with us and still have time to visit another attraction or spend a few hours in town. Special events have also featured more this season."

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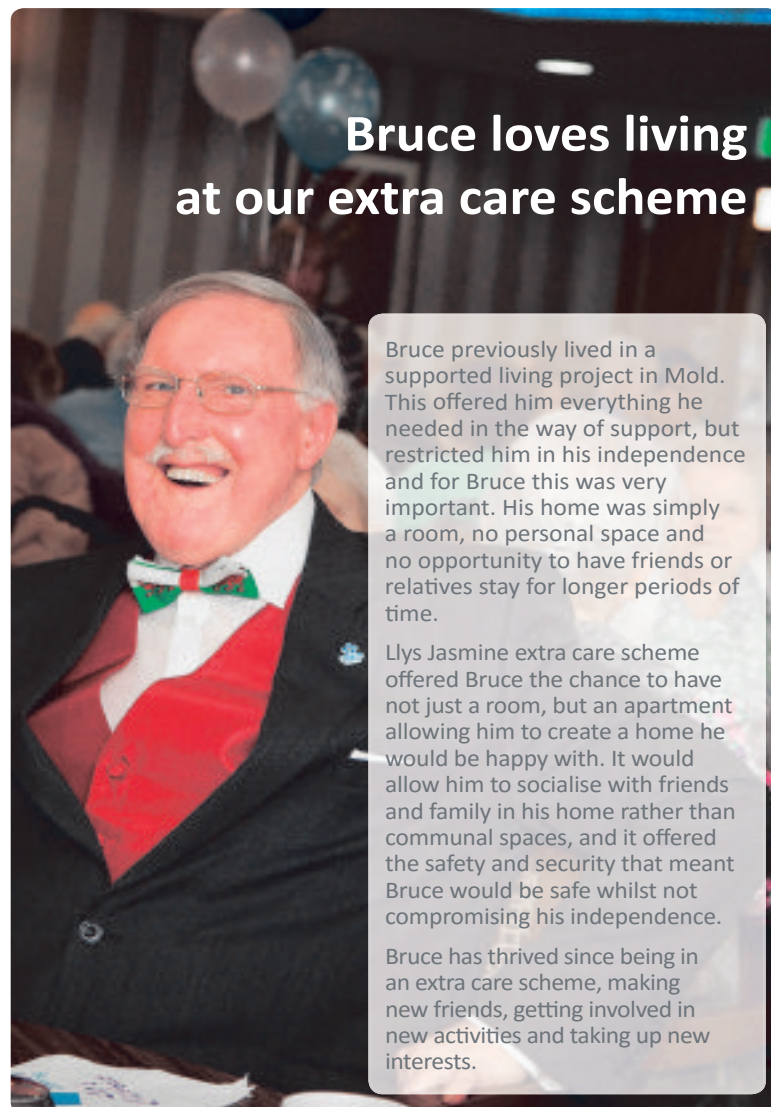
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Commercial feature

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Through their kind generosity members also raised money this year for Emyr Wigley's chosen charity, Ovarian Cancer Action.

The show has long been an opportunity for the NFU to engage with its members regarding current farming issues and also the public, where education about food production is its primary objective.

This year has seen seismic shifts in the political landscape of the country, leading to huge potential changes for farming policy, food security and farming subsidies.

Brexit will present both challenges and opportunities and the NFU with its associated unions for Wales, Scotland and Ulster is presenting a united front to meet the demands of UK farming outside of the European Union.

NFU members will get the opportunity to shape a new and dynamic future for agriculture and horticulture by discussing options for a productive, competitive and resilient British farming and food sector.



The Oswestry and District NFU at the 2016 Oswestry Show

A response paper will be sent to all members for them to comment and answer questions that will help to form the basis of a UK Agricultural Policy that the NFU can lobby Westminster for.

Members will also have the opportunity to attend our Brexit Roadshow meetings taking place in two Shropshire locations of Craven

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Kevin Dodd took part in the event



Crowds enjoyed the spectacle at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry. Photos: Alan Evans.



Handler Ellen Lagerfeld took part in the trials



The sheep were herded past model animals such as elephants during the trials at the British Ironwork Centre

Trials staged

SHEEPDOG owners and handlers from near and far came to the British Ironwork Centre at Aston near Oswestry on Sunday to show off their skills.

The trials at the centre was the second time the site had hosted the spectacle.

The tests that the dogs carry out in sheepdog trials are those that they will have to do when working with their handler on the farm or out on the mountains.

The dogs are put through their paces with

Report by Sue Austin

the out run – sent off to retrieve the sheep, the pick-up and the drive, when they have to bring the sheep back to the shepherd and the pen – putting the sheep into a collecting area. Those taking part included men and women of all ages including those in their 80s.

One of the organisers was Gayle Forrester, a hobbyist sheepdog trials competitor.

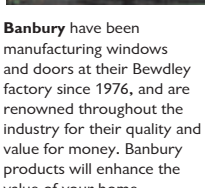
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A dog waits patiently for its turn at the sheepdog trials at the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry

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Delightful cottage enjoys wonderful location and views

Tair Carreg Cottage in Llansantffraid is a delightful and well maintained detached property set within a picturesque location with open countryside views from all aspects.

Close to the village it has oil-fired central heating, double glazing, a sitting room with a log burner, a kitchen, a reception hall, a bathroom and two bedrooms.

There is ample off road parking and an attractive landscaped gardens with a gently flowing garden stream.

This is a beautiful location from which to enjoy walking, riding or cycling.

The property is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £259,950.

In more detail it has a covered entrance porch with trellis sides, a sitting room with a feature Inglenook fireplace with a beam over, inset Clearview log burner, exposed beamed ceiling, built-in cupboards and shelving with feature lighting and windows to the fore and rear with lovely countryside views.

A door leads to the kitchen. This is well fitted with a range of quality modern units affording both floor and wall cupboards, plumbing for washing machine and dishwasher, splash surfaces, built-in shelving, an exposed beamed ceiling, quarry tiled flooring and windows to front and rear with countryside views.

The reception hall has a covered canopy, under-stair cupboard, Travertine floor tiles and stairs to first floor. The bathroom is fitted with a modern three piece suite with a panelled bath with electric Mira shower fitting over and glass screen, vanity wash hand basin and WC, Travertine tiled floor and splash surfaces.

The stairway has a useful storage area and the landing has countryside views.

Bedroom one has windows to the front and rear with lovely countryside views, fitted with a full width range of built-in wardrobes and an exposed original timber floor.

Bedroom two has a window to the front with lovely countryside views.

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Five bedroomed home has superb views of countryside

LLANFECHAIN
£400,000

A detached five bedroomed country property with outstanding views, Bryn Paenod, Llanfechain, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £400,000.

The property is situated in a large garden and has been extensively refurbished by the current owners to a high standard throughout.

Bryn Paenod is a detached property principally built of stone under a slated roof.

The accommodation is well appointed throughout with oil fired central heating and upvc double glazing, pine and oak boarded country style doors.

Accommodation comprises kitchen, drawing room, sun room, lounge, library, study, cloakroom, five bedrooms and two bathrooms.

There is double garaging, a good sized garden and



the property is in a private position.

The property offers the opportunity to be split to provide separate living accommodation.

Bryn Paenod is approached over a private roadway leading to a wide stone forecourt, block and slated garage/workshop with two up and over doors.

The property stands in a good sized south facing garden having the benefit of a rear decked patio offering extensive views across the adjoining fields, woodland and valley.

Bryn Paenod is approximately two miles from the village of Llansantffraid with its local facilities including shop, post office, primary school, public house, petrol station, and is approximately 12 miles from the border market town of Oswestry.

For more information contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



Home sits within walking distance of amenities in popular town

LLANFAIR CAEREINION
£225,000 >>>

A detached period family home, Gwynfa, Watergate Street, Llanfair Caereinion is on the market through Halls for £225,000.

The home is within convenient walking distance of the town amenities.

The well-presented accommodation, part of which has been in commercial use in the past, briefly comprises porch, sitting room, dining kitchen, garden room together with large office, studio, boot room/utility and WC on the ground floor. Upstairs there are four spacious en-suite bedrooms, three with dual aspect windows overlooking town and countryside. With the exception of the office window, which is thought to date back to the 1930s, there is double glazing to all windows. There is a secure, established private garden to rear and sides.

There is ample off-road parking in the adjacent town car park.

Contact Halls on 01938 555552.



Farmhouse enjoys views across the Ceiriog Valley

PANDY
£545,000 <<<

A detached farmhouse with a 2.9 acre paddock, Pont Y Meibion, Llanarmon Road, Pandy, comes with four bedrooms, a lounge with an inglenook fireplace and views across Ceiriog Valley.

Also having a substantial range of two storey Grade II listed slate former agricultural buildings with conversion potential, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £545,000. It also has a substantial second two storey stone building, ancillary timber and stone build stores and open fronted secure implement/vehicle store. Pont Y Meibion comprises of a detached farmhouse affording four bedrooms, lounge with inglenook fireplace, kitchen/breakfast room, oil-fired central heating and UPVC double glazing.

Set in an elevated site off the road, it also has a large concrete yard approached via the sloping drive fronting the property.

Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595.

Property is set in development in highly popular village location

LEIGHTON
£365,000 >>>

A substantial and beautifully presented four bedroomed home set on a quiet three house development in a sought after village of Leighton, near Welshpool is on offer with agents Halls for £365,000.

Argoed, Pentre Park, Leighton has been constructed to a high standard and benefits from top quality fittings, including a Kenton Jones granite and oak kitchen, oak floors and doors and underfloor heating to the ground floor.

The bathroom and shower rooms are of similar quality and the vendors have converted the conservatory into a sunroom by installing a slate-effect roof, which makes it cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter.

The house is fully double glazed and benefits from a security system.

Viewing of Argoed is highly recommended by Halls who may be contacted on (01938) 555552.



Charming three bedroom cottage in a hamlet location

GRIMPO, WEST FELTON
£350,000

Situated in the rural hamlet of Grimpo to the north-east of West Felton, Holly Cottage is a charming three-bedroomed detached cottage with many original features and beamed ceilings.

Also featuring a large sandstone inglenook and having stunning countryside views, it is for sale through Town & Country at £350,000.

Accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, downstairs bedroom with an en-suite, a landing, two further bedrooms and a family bathroom. The generous front garden has a flagged paved patio with extensive lawns beyond, a greenhouse, a pergola and wooden sheds. To the rear of the cottage there is gravelled parking for up to four vehicles, an oil tank area and brick built workshops. In more detail it has an entrance hall through to the kitchen and then the dining room. The lounge has a part glazed door to the front overlooking the garden.

The dining room has tiled flooring and patio doors



to the conservatory. The kitchen has base and wall units with oak work surfaces over. Bedroom one has a window to the side with a quarry tiled sill, a beamed ceiling and an en-suite including a contemporary roll top style bath with an electric shower over. The conservatory has a hardwood frame, tiled flooring and a contemporary radiator.

The first floor landing has a beamed ceiling and oak flooring. Bedroom two has a built-in cupboard and a beamed ceiling. Bedroom three has windows with quarry tiled sills and a beamed and vaulted ceiling. There is also a shower room including a corner cubicle and heated towel rail and full tiled walls.

Contact Town and Country for more details on 01691 679631.



Exceptionally appointed home sits in a superb rural position

PORTH-Y-WAEN
£274,500 <<<

An exceptionally well appointed country property, Station House, Porth-y-Waen near Oswestry, has double garaging and workshop as well as a garden and small separate paddock.

The home is on the market through JJ Dell&Co for £274,500.

The property benefits from double glazing and central heating and has two good sized reception rooms.

There is a breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, ensuite and bathroom.

There is ample car parking, a large double garage and an attractive garden as well as a small adjoining grass paddock.

The property is situated on the outskirts of Porth-y-Waen occupying a rural position convenient to travelling to Pant village with its shop and post office and primary school.

For more details contact JJ Dell&Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.



AM looking for economic views

PEOPLE are being asked for their opinion on economic priorities.

Economy and infrastructure secretary for Wales, Ken Skates, is asking people for views on the economic priorities needed to ensure a fairer, more prosperous and more secure Wales.

The AM, who represents the Chirk area, is calling on people, businesses and organisations across Wales to feed in their views, so they can be considered as part of the Welsh Government's ongoing work to refresh its economic priorities following the recent vote to leave the European Union.

Mr Skates said: "Wales is currently in a strong economic position.

"Our new economic priorities will be crucial in helping us respond to the challenges ahead, whilst also enabling us to shout from the rooftops, to Europe and the rest of the world, that Wales remains open for business."

For more information about the programme people should visit the gov.wales website.

Award delight for field committee

AN Oswestry group is one of several organisations in the West Midlands celebrating winning a share of lottery funding.

Morton Playing Field Committee in Oswestry has been awarded a grant of £9,822.

The grant will be used to repair and re-seed the playing field, which is said to be currently unfit for use.

The awards have been made through the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All and Reaching Communities programmes.

Lyn Cole, Big Lottery Fund England grant making director, said: "They are excellent examples of local people working together to help others in their community to build on the skills they have and maximise their potential."

Rail group provides a steam treat for fans

Report by Naomi Penrose

RAILWAY enthusiasts had something to smile about when they enjoyed a steam treat at a heritage railway.

The 1949 Andrew Barclay locomotive 'No. 6' "Fife Flyer" recently took to the tracks at the Cambrian Heritage Railway, based at Oswestry station.

And it was cause for celebration as railway bosses had been working for several months to try to arrange the engine's arrival.

Rob Williams, chairman of CHR, was on the footplate helping to drive the engine. He said he was delighted that visitors to the railway have been able to experience steam this summer.

He said: "We're really pleased that the engine's arrived here. We've been talking about it for some time.

"After an inspection and steam test we used the engine, with plenty of visitors coming to enjoy a ride, take pictures and experience the sight and sound of steam.

"It's not just a visit - the engine will now be based at Oswestry until at least early 2017. Having the engine here is another fantastic step forward to bringing a better attraction to Oswestry, which includes extending our line to the Stonehouse Brewery at Weston, which is another popular tourist destination."

The locomotive, number 2261, has come from Ribbles Steam Railway in Preston.

Built in 1949, the engine spent its working life at the Scottish Coal Board. It was restored to steam in 2013. Passengers are able to ride the steam-pulled train every weekend throughout August from 11am to 4pm.

Tickets cost £4 adults, £2 children aged two to 5, and £3 concessions for unlimited rides.



Phil Bradley and CHR chairman Rob Williams celebrate the arrival of the steam locomotive at Oswestry

Crews called to help out obese people

FIREFIGHTERS in Shropshire have been called out 10 times to help lift obese people in the county in five years.

Shropshire Fire and Rescue have only been called out a handful of times for bariatric rescues to assist ambulance crews with transporting overweight people, new figures have revealed.

The busiest year for the service was 2013/14 when fire crews were called out five times to assist with the moving of a person.

Jon Temple, spokesman for Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service said: "We will attend on West Midlands Ambulance Service request and may use a multitude of ways to extricate the casualty."

Fire crews in the county were called out just once in 2011/12, twice in 2012/13, four times in 2013/14, twice again in 2014/15 and once in 2015/16, figures say. Firefighters nationally have said it is part of their role to help "vulnerable" people as well as tackle fires and some crews, including teams in neighbouring Staffordshire, receive special training to learn the proper lifting techniques.

Festival plans are announced

THE Oswestry Makes Festival will run from October 7 to October 9 this year, organisers have said.

The festival allows people to celebrate their local area using stitch, yarn or textiles and organisers say the event will allow people to be inspired by local landmarks, myths and legends, landscapes or buildings.

Various events will be held in the run-up to the festival including an introduction to Bayeux stitch for all levels of experience.

That will take place on September 14.

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Convoy wings its way to area

A HUGE convoy of motorcycles, decorated with scenes from across the globe, is about to descend on the Oswestry area.

More than 600 Honda Goldwings with their owners and pillion passengers will descend on Oswestry over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The Goldwing Owners Club of Great Britain Festival 2016 will be held on Oswestry Showground, with the event open to the public on Sunday.

Those taking part will include Shropshire Goldwing owners, including Kelvin Jones and his son Glen, from Sherwood Crescent, Market Drayton.

Both of them have Goldwing bikes, one of them dedicated to the Falklands War.

Kelvin Jones was in the parachute regiment and served in the Falklands and has made the machine, that his son now rides, into a work of art.

"I wanted to produce a memorial to those who died in the Falklands and putting artwork on my bike seemed the best way that I could honour them," he said.

One of those involved with the Goldwing festival is Kerry Rigby from the Shropshire Goldwing Owners Club.

Kerry and her husband, Roy, from Oswestry, have their own Goldwing which they use to tour not only Britain but Europe.

"We have about 600 bikes coming from Britain and Europe," she said.

"The last time the event was in Oswestry was in 2001."

The weekend includes a light parade through Oswestry tomorrow evening (Friday).

About 300 machines all lit up will ride through the town and the villages of Gobowen and Whittington, starting from the showground at 9pm and going anti-clockwise to Whittington, Gobowen and Oswestry.

On Sunday about 600 bikes will use the same route for a cavalcade of bikes all sporting their own national flags.

National organiser Nigel Whithouse said: "While we are in Oswestry we will be raising money and supporting Hope House Children's Hospice.

"We will be holding an open day on the Sun-



Kelvin Jones and Glen Jones from Market Drayton with their Honda Goldwing GL1500 with custom Falklands War paint job. Photo: Steve Leath.

day to raise money for the hospice. There will be live music in the afternoon along with stalls and hopefully a street party from noon until 4pm."

He added: "There will be a 1940s theme to the weekend while there will also be a live band, trade stands and much more."

"It should be a great weekend for everybody involved."

The Honda Goldwing is a series of touring motorcycles introduced at the Cologne Motorcycle Show in October 1974 which went on to become a popular model in North Amer-

ica, western Europe and Australia, as well as Japan.

The Goldwing Owners Club of Great Britain was founded by Harry Ward back in 1980 and it was on his return from a Belgium Trefen he decided to hold the first meeting.

Mr Whitehouse added: "This was held in the region of Thames Valley."

"From this small start we now have 32 active regions that hold monthly meetings, organise ride-outs and other social events."

"In the main season the regions hold 'wingdings' that are normally camping events held

over a weekend." The Society of Automotive Engineers of Japan includes a Honda Goldwing GL1000 manufactured in 1974 as one of its 240 Landmarks of Japanese Automotive Technology.

Through 2012, Honda GL models have appeared 18 times in the Cycle World list of ten best bikes. Over the course of its history, it has had numerous changes to its design and production. In 1975 it had a 999 cc flat-four engine and in 2001 it had a 1,832 cc flat-six.

By 2012, the model had a fairing with heating and an adjustable windscreen, panniers

and a trunk, a seatback for pillion rider, satellite navigation and radio, a six-speaker audio system with MP3 and iPod connectivity, anti-lock braking, cruise control, electrically assisted reverse gear, and an optional airbag.

Gold Wings were manufactured in Marysville, Ohio, from 1980 until 2010, when motorcycle production there was halted. Production resumed in Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan, in 2011 using tooling transported from the old plant. The primary market for the Goldwing was the potential long distance rider, needing a motorcycle suitable to the task.

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Dai's cooking to hit the right note

Report by Naomi Penrose

A TOP celebrity chef who hails from Chirk near Oswestry will recreate the memorable meal he cooked for legendary tenor Lucian Pavarotti.

Dai Chef will be sharing the superstar tenor's gastronomic secrets when he appears live at this year's Hamper Llangollen Food Festival.

Thousands of foodies are expected to flock to the popular event which will see the Denbighshire tourist town become the culinary capital of Wales over the weekend of October 15 and 16.

During his time at the Bryn Howel Hotel, Dai cooked for a whole host of superstar singers, including José Carreras and Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, who came to appear at the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

But the high of his glittering career for Dai, who lived in Chirk for many years, was spending a week as personal chef to Pavarotti when he headlined during an emotional return to the festival in 1995.

Pavarotti's pilgrimage came exactly 40 years after he had first competed there as a 19-year-old member of the Chorus Rossini choir from Modena, Italy in 1955.

To celebrate the occasion Dai will weave his magic to prepare again the meal he prepared specially for the maestro in that glorious summer 21 years ago.

Dai, who is now executive chef at The Cliffs restaurant in Morfa Nefyn near Pwllheli, said: "At the time Pavarotti came to stay I was executive chef at the Bryn Howel in Llangollen, then one of the top five hotels in Wales."

"I was appointed as his personal chef for the week and used to serve



Dai Chef is gearing up for the Hamper Llangollen Food Festival

him in the restaurant and his private suite.

"He was there with his father, Fernando, and a full entourage, including his promoter Harvey Goldsmith, and I used to prepare every meal for him."

"On the Sunday night after his smash hit concert at the Eisteddfod, just up the road from the hotel, I created a special meal for him and his 450 guests."

"I'll never forget what it was. The starter was a smoked salmon and soft cheese roulade and the main course was Welsh sirloin beef flamed in whisky served with cream of wild mushrooms."

"The most memorable part of the meal for me was the dessert, which was a white chocolate and strawberry tart."

"Pavarotti loved it so much he asked me to prepare four more of them, although he didn't eat them all there and then and took them back to his suite to serve to his friends and visitors."

"The story about this got out and led to a BBC2 TV documentary programme called Four Tarts and a Tenor."

"I must say the tart was so good I still serve it now at The Cliffs."

Dai added: "This is exactly the meal I'll be recreating for visitors when I do my live cooking demonstration at Hamper Llangollen, which is a festival I love appearing at as I was one of its original founders."

For more details about Hamper Llangollen 2016 visit www.llangollenfoodfestival.com



Ishtiaque Rashid and William Pickles from The Marches School



Alex Jones and Chloe Hedley from The Marches School



Katy McCulloch from The Maelor School is off to Cambridge



Some of the A-level students at The Marches School in Oswestry celebrate after receiving their results

Students enjoy exam success

MANY teenagers from schools and colleges in the Oswestry and Welshpool area will be carrying on their studies at top universities thanks to outstanding A-level results.

Among students who did particularly well were Catherine Levell, Georgia Parry and Jonathan Vibhishanan from The Maelor School at Penley near Overton.

Catherine Levell gained three As and one B and will be studying medicine at Bristol University.

Georgia Parry gained three As and one A* and will be studying medicine at Cardiff University while Jonathan Vibhishanan gained four A* grades and one A and will be studying medicine at Cambridge University.

Katy McCulloch from the same school gained four A grades and is going to study theology at Cambridge.

Despite continuing national uncertainty, the A-level results at Moreton Hall this year exceeded all predictions with an impressive haul of top grades across all subject areas.

Jonathan Forster, principal of Moreton Hall,

Report by Sue Austin

said: "As one of Britain's leading non-selective schools we are delighted by these excellent results which are indicative of the quality of teaching and learning that is the hallmark of the school."

Nearly 70 per cent of entries were awarded the top grades of A*, A and B with a number of subjects – such as economics, history and classical civilisation – achieving 100 per cent A*-C.

Youngsters at The Marches School in Oswestry also enjoyed fantastic results.

Head of Sixth Form Claire Buckle, said: "I am so very proud of all the students in the Marches Sixth Form, every single one of them worked tirelessly in pursuit of their goal."

"Whilst it is pleasing to note outstanding individual results, Alex Keir, Year 13 achieving A*, A* A, B and Jonathan Jones, Year 12 A, A, A, A in the sciences and maths, all students should be delighted that their results will allow them to take up their chosen future career be that studying in the country's top academic institutions or being part of ground breaking corporations in the world of work."



Alice Whitehead, Maggie Franklin, Gracie Lovell and Emily Edwards from Moreton Hall



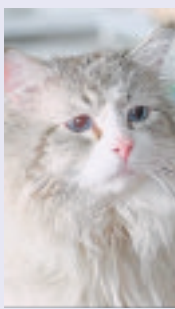
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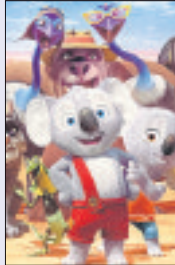
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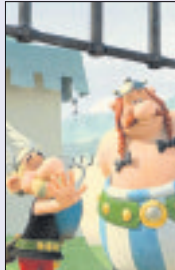
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A self-absorbed businessman is taught an overdue lesson in generosity and humility in this body swap comedy. Business tycoon Tom Brand's (Kevin Spacey) has a finger on the pulse of his various financial concerns, but his dedication to his job has created a gaping emotional divide from his family.
He leaves buying a present for his daughter until late, gets a cat, and is magically transported into the body of the furry feline.

BLINKY BILL: THE MOVIE (U)



Blink and miss – 5/10
A cheeky koala bear adventure. Based on the Australian book series by Dorothy Wall. Blinky Bill (Ryan Kwanten) yearns to follow in the paw prints of his explorer father Mr Bill (Richard Roxburgh), who vanished in the outback. Friends and neighbours in the little town of Greenpatch believe that Mr Bill perished on his escapades, but Blinky is convinced his father is alive.

ASTERIX: MANSIONS OF THE GODS



Gallic greatness – 7/10
Based on the comic written by Rene Goscinny and illustrated by Albert Uderzo, Asterix: TMOTG is the latest computer-animated adventure for the eponymous Gaul (voiced by Jack Whitehall) and his rotund best friend, Obelix (Nick Frost), as they continue to frustrate and torment the mighty Romans. The pals are aided by magical potions concocted by druid Getafix, which temporarily imbue Asterix with superhuman strength.

LIGHTS OUT (15)



Lights on – 7/10
Rebecca Wells (Teresa Palmer) lives alone, estranged from her stepfather Paul (Billy Burke), younger brother Martin (Gabriel Bateman) and mentally unstable mother Sophie (Maria Bello). Martin has seen the silhouette of a deformed woman (Alicia Vela-Bailey) in his mother's bedroom, which can only be kept at bay by leaving the lights on. But this is only the beginning of their troubles.

Old-fashioned charm

by Simon Stone

ADAPTED from Arthur Ransome's beloved book, Swallows And Amazons is a charmingly old-fashioned tale of messing about on the river.

It is set in more innocent times before children became zombified slaves to their parents' tablets and smartphones.
Philippa Lowthorpe's film is a valentine to the great outdoors and the wild, sprawling splendour of the British countryside, set in the mid-1930s against a picturesque backdrop of the Lake District.
You can almost feel the soft breeze rolling off the hills as the plucky heroes survey the undulating, verdant landscape for the first time, staring adoringly at an island in the middle of a lake that will become the scene for their gung-ho summer escapades.
If a British film is ever going to convince 21st century youngsters to stop swiping and start building dens and scavenging, this is it. Certainly, parents will be charmed by the nostalgia-steeped narrative and fond memories of the 1974 film adaptation that arrived soon after the rousing success of The Railway Children.
While her husband is away at sea on a naval destroyer, Mrs Walker (Kelly Macdonald) spirits her four children – John (Dane Hughes), Susan (Orla Hill), Tatty (Teddie-Rose Malleson-Allen – half-sister to singer Lily and actor Alfie Allen) and Roger (Bobby McCulloch) – away for the summer break to stay with farmer Mr Jackson (Harry Enfield) and his wife (Jessica Hynes).
En-route, the children have a close encounter with James Turner (Rafe Spall), who is being chased on their train by a man called Lazlov (Andrew Scott). Turner escapes and the children subsequently



The young cast go on a grand adventure in Swallows And Amazons

conclude he must be a pirate and christen him Captain Flint after one of their favourite characters in Treasure Island.
Once the brood arrives at the Jacksons' farm, the children persuade their mother to allow them to sail over to an island and camp under the stars.
The outward journey is fraught with sibling rivalry and eldest child John considers abandoning the expedition.

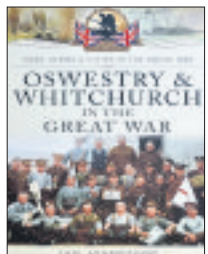
"Only cowards turn back, this is our destiny John!" Tatty rebukes him.
Once the children set up camp, they discover the island has already been claimed by Nancy Blackett (Seren Hawkes) and sister Peggy (Hannah Jayne Thorp). Meanwhile, Lazlo tracks down Turner to a houseboat close to the island and prepares to snare his slippery prey.
Swallows And Amazons maintains a gen-

tle pace, anchored by solid performances from the young cast.
Enfield and Hynes provide comic relief, while Scott essays another boo-hiss villain from his expanding repertoire.
Lake District locations look glorious, even when storm clouds gather. Screenwriter Andrea Gibb has made a few alterations to Ransome's text, noticeably rechristening Titty Walker to avoid any sniggers.

Book reviews

OSWESTRY & WHITCHURCH IN THE GREAT WAR

By Jan Johnstone
Published by Pen & Sword
What links Oswestry and Whitchurch for this series looking at the impact of the Great War on Britain's towns and cities?
It is that both of them had enormous military camps which grew up on the doorstep, at Park Hall and Prees Heath respectively.
Jan Johnstone, from Wellington, charts the unfolding of the conflict and the way these two towns were affected.
She is, incidentally, the fourth writer from Shropshire's Wrekin Writers to



write books in this series, which is a feather in the cap for the writing group.
She draws heavily on contemporary newspapers for her research, and there is lots of detail.
By Toby Neal

TO SETTLE THE CROWN

By Jonathan Worton
Published by Helion & Company
Shropshire was a hotbed of Royalist support during the English Civil War and, while none of the most famous battles of that 17th century conflict were fought on Shropshire soil, there were a number of bloody skirmishes.
Worton, who lives in Conover, has built on a PhD thesis to examine the war effort and how the military and civilian forces were mobilised for their respective causes. He has delved into local records to build up the picture.
By John Mountford



It's a detailed look at a period of local history which Worton says has never been covered in such depth, and a period which still leaves its scars – just look at the ruins of Bridgnorth castle.

STRAWBERRY CRUSH

By Jean Ure
Published by Harper Collins Children's Books
Jean Ure is the undisputed queen of authors for readers at the awkward age between childhood and young teenagers and this story will appeal to girls from about Year 8 onwards.
Head-in-the-clouds dreamer Maya has a huge crush on Jake who is in Year 12 and seemingly unattainable. Her more reliable cousin, Mattie, is sceptical, convinced that this latest crush will be as fleeting as all the rest, so she tries to make Maya see sense as Jake already appears to be spoken



for. Maya tries everything she knows to get Jake to notice her but when she falls off her bike one day and Jake just happens to catch her, why does Mattie get so jealous?
This is easy to read.
By Sally Bunn



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Andrew Logan is looking forward to a Bank Holiday celebration



The Cosmic Egg is a big attraction at the museum

Museum set to mark its 25th anniversary

IT'S one of the area's best kept secrets, tucked away in a picturesque village.

Now the Andrew Logan Museum of Sculpture in Berriew – which charts the work of the internationally known artist who has pieces, large and small across the globe – is due to reach its 25th anniversary. A weekend of extravagant activities will be held to mark the occasion.

Andrew's latest commission is a 45-foot long art installation at Mumbai airport, a complete change from the jewellery he produces at his studio close to his museum and his new home on the river running through Berriew.

The 70-year-old is perhaps best known for his Alternative Miss World pageants, with many of the costumes, crowns and orbs from the event in the museum.

Its centrepiece is a huge dazzling, glass egg – the Cosmic Egg, created in just three weeks for a parade in London.

Andrew and partner Michael fell in love with the Shropshire/Mid Wales border area while visiting a friend, who worked for actress Julie Christie.

"I wanted to open a museum and thought the area was perfect," he said.

"We came across the empty squash courts in Berriew and Michael designed a remarkable conversion."

The museum opened on August Bank Holiday, 1991 and has been attracting visitors locally and from across the world ever since.

"There are people who happen across the museum and there are others who follow my work who come on a pilgrimage, which is wonderful," he said.

"We have lots of school visits, which I adore."

"To see children and young people inspired by my work is wonderful."

Now Andrew is looking to re-capture the excitement of the opening over the Bank Holiday weekend.

"We'll be entertaining with surprise events and afternoon tea and a re-opening."

SPECIAL REPORT

By Sue Austin

The re-opening jewellery performance extravaganza will take place on Sunday at the museum at 6pm with other activities across the weekend from tomorrow (Friday).

Until recently Andrew still had a home in London, his Glasshouse studio.

But he sold it and is now putting the finishing touches to a new home in Berriew.

He said he had always wanted to open a museum to share his art and his views on life with the world.

"What we have here is my legacy that I can leave to the world," he said.

"The museum is filled with people I have known and loved."

Those piece range from his family – in the shape of wall mirror portraits, to the late actor, Devine.

His commissions continue.

He said: "I am working with the National Trust at Buckland Abbey in Devon, to install some of my art."

"It will include Gold Field, a 15 foot field of wheat, with mice and butterflies."

Andrew is a prolific worker.

"I work every day, I am very disciplined," he said.

The museum's aim is to give a delightful and absorbing experience that combines entertainment, sentiment, humour and fantasy in a manor that is suitable for all ages.

In keeping with Andrew's dream of creating a space that stimulates the artist in everyone, regular workshops are held during the summer months that encourage both young and old to be inspired by the variety of pieces on show.

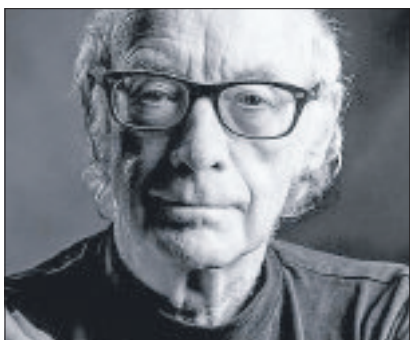
The museum is a small independent museum and a registered charity, run by a board of trustees.

Income is received from entrance fees, friends' subscriptions and retail sales. In addition, the museum has received some support for capital and revenue expenditure from The Arts Council Wales and The Council of Museums in Wales (now Cymal).



Andrew Logan has a worldwide reputation for his work

Popular poet Roger ready for theatre performance



Roger McGough will be performing in Shropshire

HAILED as 'Liverpool's own poet laureate' Roger McGough is one of the country's best known poets.

He currently presents the long-running Poetry Please on Radio 4, and has been described as 'the patron saint of poetry' by Carol Ann Duffy, and this September Shropshire audiences will be offered the chance to revel in his words when the beloved poet visits Theatre Severn.

Hilarious and surreal, Roger's work has always appealed to a wide range of people.

Many of his fans will remember reading his work at school, whilst his work for adults has been critically acclaimed.

Indeed Roger was awarded the OBE for services to poetry in 1997, and was also awarded the CBE in 2015.

This latest show sees the Liverpool poet reading a selection of vintage poetry, as well as one or two surprising pieces of new verse from his latest book 'It Never Rains' all delivered in the poet's own unique style that is sure to keep Shropshire audiences enthralled.

Performance

Poetry fans have something else to look forward to at the event as Roger will be accompanied by the performance poets 'LiTTle MACHiNe'.

The group have been together for seven years and combine classic poems with live music.

They have a sound that founding member Chris Hardy describes as 'providing music to move the feet,

and words that move the soul' Venue spokesman Pip Bayley said the Roger McGough performance was sure to be an event to remember.

She said: 'Theatre Severn has a long history of supporting poetry, from Carol Ann Duffy to Pam Ayres via Elvis McGonagall so Roger will be in good company.'

"The addition of LiTTle MACHiNe to the line-up is a real bonus, their transformation of classic poems into rock 'n' roll anthems really is quite something and is the perfect foil to Roger's work."

Roger McGough and LiTTle MACHiNe will be at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn on Thursday, September 15.

Tickets are available by visiting the venue's website www.theatresevern.co.uk or by contacting the Box Office on (01743) 281281.

Lake Como - Italy

The town of Como itself has a distinctive Renaissance feel about it, illustrated in the architecture of its cathedral and the maze of narrow streets and large piazza that make up the town. The resorts of Menaggio and Tremezzo are equally as idyllic and provide a true taste of rural Italian life. Meanwhile, Lake Como's most prized gem is the town of Bellagio which sits on the split of the lake and provides perhaps the best views in the entire region. When you see for yourself you'll understand why many regard it as the prettiest town in Europe.

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Match of the Day

10.10pm

Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool at White Hart Lane. The Reds have been handed a tricky set of fixtures to start the season, but their recent record against Spurs is outstanding.



Edinburgh Nights

9pm

Kirsty Wark presents one last round of highlights from the Edinburgh Festival, meeting some of the comedians who have admitted to hastily re-writing their shows to make reference to the result of the EU Referendum. Plus, writer and broadcaster Bidisha explores first-hand accounts of refugees and migration.



Go for It

7pm

New series. Stephen Mulhern presents the talent-based game show in which members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their skills in a challenge designed to wow the nation. Should the competitors successfully pull off their implausible stunts, they stand a chance of winning a £1,000 prize.



Hidden Britain by Drone

7pm

Tony Robinson presents the first of two programmes using drones to shoot aerial footage of areas of Britain that are off limits to the public. Among the locations featured is a village on Salisbury Plain that is not listed on any maps, and is used by the military for training.



Impractical Jokers UK

11.30pm

Friends David, Matt, Lee and Paul compete in a series of challenges, including convincing a stranger to go to the toilet with them, and working on the desk of a busy central London youth hostel. They also get a stranger to dance with them on Brighton Beach without saying a word.

BBC1	
6.00	Breakfast.
10.00	Saturday Kitchen. Chefs Dan Doherty and Selim Kiazim serve up food heaven or hell to actress Hattie Morahan as Cyrus Todiwala and Tony Singh present the weekly cookery programme.
11.30	Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. Lorraine Pascale demonstrates how to create more quick and easy meals from scratch, turning her attention to dishes that satisfy cravings and lighten the mood. (R)
12.00	Football Focus. Dan Walker and guests look ahead to the weekend's fixtures, which include Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool, Hull City v Manchester United and Leicester City v Swansea City.
12.30	Bargain Hunt. Mark Stacey and Catherine Southon help two teams of contestants search for antiques at a fair held on Kent County Showground in Detling. Presented by Tim Wonnacott. (R)
1.00	BBC News; Weather.
1.10	Athletics: Diamond League Highlights. The Athletissima. Gabby Logan presents action from the 11th Diamond League event of the season, held at Stade Olympique de la Pontaise in Lausanne, Switzerland.
2.00	Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final. Hull FC v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 3.00pm). Mark Chapman introduces coverage of the showpiece occasion at Wembley Stadium, as the successors to Leeds Rhinos are decided.
5.30	Now You See It. More fast-paced clips from the magic world.
6.00	The Getaway Car. Two brothers from Liverpool, a professional driver and his wife, a father-daughter duo, and two friends from London are among the contestant getting behind the wheel this week.
6.50	BBC News.
7.00	Midlands Today; Weather.
7.10	Pointless Celebrities. Hugh Dennis and Pauline McLynn, Charlie Higson and Adil Ray, Richard Gibson and Vicki Michelle, and Jean Fergusson and Tina Malone compete in the quiz show.
8.00	Casualty. New series. The medical drama turns 30 in an extended episode, in which Holby's ED and ward teams – and a few guests – rush to save Connie and Grace after their car crash.
9.40	The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin presents as the winning Lotto and Thunderball numbers are revealed. Plus, adaptive rower Nick Beighton prepares for the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games.
9.50	BBC News; Weather.
10.10	Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, which included Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool and Hull City v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.
11.40	FILM: Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1994). Gothic horror, starring Robert De Niro and Kenneth Branagh.
1.35	Weather for the Week Ahead.
1.40	BBC News.

BBC2	
6.05	Glorious Gardens from Above. Christine Walkden descends on Norfolk. (R)
6.50	FILM: Mr Lucky (1943). Romantic comedy drama, starring Cary Grant and Laraine Day.
8.25	FILM: The Importance of Being Earnest (1952). Oscar Wilde comedy, starring Michael Redgrave.
10.00	Homes Under the Hammer. Properties in Stoke-on-Trent, Surrey and Cumbria. (R)
11.00	Lost Land of the Tiger. An expedition aimed at helping the survival of big cats in the Himalayas. (R)
12.00	Hairy Bikers' Best of British. The history behind famous dishes. (R)
12.45	Bing Crosby: Talking Pictures. Highlights from the American entertainer's TV career.
1.25	FILM: That's Entertainment! (1974). A compilation of highlights from MGM musicals, featuring performances by stars including Frank Sinatra, Fred Astaire, Bing Crosby, Gene Kelly, Peter Lawford and Judy Garland.
3.30	Full Steam Ahead. Reliving the golden age of steam railways. (R)
4.30	Final Score. A round-up of this afternoon's football results.
5.30	Flog It! From Dulwich College in south-east London. (R)
6.20	Gardeners' World. Monty Don explains how to look after and prune soft fruit, while Frances Tophill visits RHS Rosemoor to catch up on the vegetable trials that she started earlier in the year. (R)
6.50	Proms Extra 2016. Venezuelan pianist Gabriela Montero and conductor Jules Buckley join Katie Derham to discuss the Sao Paulo Symphony Orchestra.
7.30	Greece with Simon Reeve. Part one of two. The presenter takes a tour of Greece, travelling from the islands of the Aegean to Athens and learning how the Greek people are coping with their country's crises. (R)
8.30	Dad's Army. The platoon is selected to appear in an army training film, but Captain Mainwaring refuses to take part when he finds out his men are to play Nazi soldiers. (R)
9.00	Edinburgh Nights. Kirsty Wark meets comedians who admitted to hastily re-writing their Edinburgh Festival shows to reference to the result of the EU Referendum. Last in the series.
9.30	The Truth Commissioner. Dramatisation of David Park's novel, starring Roger Allam as a diplomat in post-Troubles Northern Ireland investigating the disappearance of a teenager 20 years previously.
11.00	FILM: Kings of Curry (2013). Premiere. A woman planning her wedding wants both her father and her uncle to attend, so has to resolve their long-standing feud. Comedy, starring Amara Karan. In English and Hindi.
12.20	FILM: Everlasting Moments (2008). Fact-based period drama, starring Maria Heiskanen.
2.05	This is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV	
6.00	CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge
6.25	Pat & Stan
6.35	Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures
6.45	Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures
6.55	Signed Stories: Share a Story
7.00	Sooty
7.15	Super 4
7.35	Thunderbirds Are Go
8.00	Ninjabo: Rise of the Snakes
8.25	ITV News.
8.30	Weekend. With Micky Dolenz, Stephen Mulhern and Lucie Silvas.
9.30	I Am Team GB. ITV channels go off air to encourage viewers to take part in the UK's biggest sports day.
10.30	Murder, She Wrote. Jessica investigates a film producer's death. (R)
11.25	FILM: Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore (1976). The detective suspects a shipbuilder's son has murdered his father and dumped the body at sea – but all is not as it seems. Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Robert Vaughn.
1.30	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
1.35	River Monsters. Part two of two. Jeremy Wade heads to Norway. (R)
2.05	Doc Martin. Bird-spotters invade Portwenn. (R)
4.05	FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser.
6.05	ITV News Central; Weather.
6.15	ITV News and Weather.
6.30	You've Been Framed! Gold. Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents.
7.00	Go for It. New series. Members of the public are given a chance to demonstrate their most unusual skills in unique challenges, with successful contestants claiming a £1,000 prize.
8.00	The X Factor. New series. Dermot O'Leary comes back to the X Factor fold, while Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh rejoin Simon Cowell on the panel as the talent show returns.
9.30	FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007). The amnesiac assassin regains his memory, just as a CIA director sets in motion a plan to kill him. Spy thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon, Julia Stiles and David Strathairn.
10.35	ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.50	FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007). Concludes.
11.55	The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. The host takes his successful talk show stateside, where he invites American guests to air their differences, and dispenses his own judgment on the situation.
12.45	Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00	Murder, She Wrote. Jessica impersonates an old friend to track down a hit-and-run driver. (R)
3.50	ITV Nightscreen.

Channel 4	
6.05	Gillette World Sport. Including a feature on bowl skating.
6.30	Tri Liverpool. Action from the fourth staging of the annual event.
7.30	Frasier. The Crane brothers land a double date. (R)
7.55	Frasier. Niles throws a house-warming party. (R)
8.25	Frasier. Roz does community service at a retirement home. (R)
8.55	The Morning Line. Rishi Persad presents a look ahead to this afternoon's racing.
9.55	Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage from the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps.
11.25	Salvage SOS. The team visits an old cotton mill. (R)
11.55	Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Qualifying Live. Coverage from the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps (Start-time 1.00pm).
2.30	Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Goodwood, Newmarket and Beverley.
4.45	A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. A pair of London barristers seek a holiday home on the Spanish Costa del Sol.
5.40	Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke. Leading architects help transform some of Britain's most unloved houses. (R)
6.40	Channel 4 News.
7.00	Hidden Britain by Drone. Part one of two. Tony Robinson presents aerial footage of areas of Britain that are off limits to the public, including military installations and billionaires' private estates. (R)
8.00	The Good Terrorist. Home videos and personal testimonies shed light on the life of South African campaigner John Harris, who turned terrorist in an attempt to deal apartheid a crippling blow in 1964.
9.00	FILM: Last Vegas (2013). Premiere. Four sixtiesomething friends decide to relive their wild youth with a trip to Las Vegas. Comedy, with Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline.
11.05	FILM: Hot Tub Time Machine (2010). Three unhappy friends travel back in time to their youth in 1986 and are tempted to give themselves the lives they always wanted. Sci-fi comedy, starring John Cusack and Clark Duke.
1.00	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. The El Greco restaurant in Austin, Texas. (R)
1.50	Hollyoaks. Omnibus. Grace is furious with Sienna and wants revenge, while John Paul is stuck in the middle as Myra and Sally continue to argue over him. Jesse catches Celine's eye. (R)
3.55	Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. Jason and Maya Lawie ask the property expert to help sell their property in Edinburgh so they can relocate to Lancashire. (R)
4.50	Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. Recipes using apples. (R)
5.00	Countdown. With Dictionary Corner guest Tanni Grey-Thompson. (R)
5.50	Draw It! With Antony Cotton and Denise Van Outen. (R)

Channel 5	
6.00	Milkshake!: Bob the Builder 6.10 Wanda and the Alien 6.20 Pets 6.25 Noddy in Toyland 6.40 Paw Patrol 6.50 Little Princess 7.05 Pip Ahoy! 7.20 Blaze and the Monster Machines 7.45 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom 8.00 Shimmer and Shine
8.25	The Fairly OddParents.
9.00	The Saturday Show Live. With guests Matthew Kelly, Cerys Matthews and John Quilter.
11.00	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. Life-altering residential disputes that arose from complaints about noise. (R)
12.00	Murdered: Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. Residents in Guildford object to their neighbour opening a "cannabis cafe". (R)
1.00	The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. Residential feuds that turned violent. (R)
2.00	Police Interceptors. Dog handler Andy Hunt is called to a violent domestic disturbance. (R)
3.00	Police Interceptors. The team stop a coach-load of cage fighters. (R)
4.00	Police Interceptors. Kev and Steve go on the hunt for suspected heroin dealers. (R)
5.00	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Two agents try to evict a community of travellers from a private car park. (R)
6.00	Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Paul and Phil expect a routine eviction, but get more than they bargained for, while Stewart and Victor hunt down £66,000 owed by a businessman. (R)
6.55	5 News Weekend.
7.00	Cricket on 5. England v Pakistan. Action from the second one-day international of the five-match series, which took place at Lord's.
8.00	World's Fastest Train. Exploring four historic engineering breakthroughs that paved the way for France's high-speed TGV, which has reached speeds of nearly 360mph in testing. (R)
9.00	Football on 5: The Championship. George Niro and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games, including Birmingham City v Norwich City, and Newcastle United v Brighton & Hove Albion.
10.00	Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two.
10.30	The Funny Thing About Dating. Host Johnny Vegas offers an uproariously silly, insightful and frank look at the difficult business of finding love in the 21st century.
11.30	Impractical Jokers UK. Friends David, Matt, Lee and Paul have to convince a stranger to go to the toilet with them, and work on the front desk of a central London youth hostel.
12.00	SuperCasino.
3.10	Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud. (R)
4.00	Can't Pay: Christmas Special. (R)
4.50	Divine Designs. (R)
5.15	Nick's Quest. (R)
5.40	Angels of Jarm. (R)
5.50	Roary the Racing Car. (R)



Countryfile

7pm

Joe Crowley meets the members of team who have used ground-penetrating radar techniques to reveal hitherto unknown features buried in the soil at Durrington Walls, not far from the site of Stonehenge in Wiltshire, while Anita Rani finds out how neolithic farmers lived.



Dragons' Den

9pm

A merchant navy officer-turned-product designer demonstrates his tablet holder, while two proud parents pitch their organic skincare product for babies. A young entrepreneur hopes to impress with his activity monitor for pets, but will the Dragons see the potential in his innovative product?



Despicable Me

4.55pm

A criminal mastermind hopes to seal his reputation as the greatest villain of them all by stealing the moon. First he needs to get his hands on a shrinking ray owned by a rival evil genius, and adopts three orphan girls to help him. Animated comedy, with the voices of Steve Carell and Jason Segel.



Posh Pawn

7pm

James Constantinou sets sail on the high seas in a historic boat, the owner of which is seeking £750,000 to fulfil his dream of becoming a well-known children's author. Meanwhile, Lawrence is tasked with selling an original Kerry Darlington painting for a memorable returning client.



The Most Shocking Moments of the 00s

9pm

Key moments and clips from the decade, featuring Justin Bieber's antics, Lady Gaga's meat dress and Britney Spears' meltdown. Reality TV programmes come to the fore, including George Galloway's turn as a cat in Celebrity Big Brother.

BBC1

- 6.00 Breakfast.**
- 7.30 Match of the Day.** (R)
- 9.00 BBC News.**
- 10.00 Sunday Morning Live.**
- 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer.** (R)
- 12.00 Bargain Hunt.** Two teams test their antiques knowledge. (R)
- 1.00 BBC News; Weather.**
- 1.15 Escape to the Continent.** A London couple hope to move to the Vendee region of France. (R)
- 2.15 Summer: Earth's Seasonal Secrets.** The challenges posed by the season to various animals. (R)
- 3.15 Eat Well for Less?** A man who has not eaten the same meal as the rest of his family for nearly six years. (R)
- 4.15 The Great British Bake Off.** Twelve contestants compete for title of Britain's best amateur baker. (R)
- 5.15 Songs of Praise.** The Rugby League Challenge Cup Fans Choir performs at Wembley.
- 5.50 Pointless Celebrities.** With famous faces from BBC radio programme Test Match Special. (R)
- 6.35 BBC News.**
- 6.50 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 7.00 Countryfile.** Joe Crowley meets a tenant farmer to see what sort of problem he faces working on the World Heritage Site of Stonehenge, while Anita Rani visits reconstructions of neolithic houses. Including weather for the week ahead.
- 8.00 Antiques Roadshow.** New series. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Tewkesbury Abbey, Gloucestershire, where a collection of rare figures and dolls turns out to be a find of national importance.
- 9.00 Are You Being Served?** Young Mr Grace seeks to modernise the department store. Remake of the celebrated sitcom, starring Sherrie Hewson, Jason Watkins, John Challis and Mathew Horne. Part of the Landmark Comedy Sitcom season.
- 9.30 Porridge.** Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais' updated version of their prison comedy, starring Kevin Bishop as the grandson of wily old lag Fletcher. With Ralph Ineson and Mark Bonnar. Part of the Landmark Comedy Sitcom season.
- 10.00 BBC News.**
- 10.20 Midlands Today; Weather.**
- 10.30 Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Manchester City v West Ham United at the Etihad Stadium and West Bromwich Albion v Middlesbrough at the Hawthorns.
- 11.25 Comedy Connections.** The story behind department store-based sitcom Are You Being Served? The programme reveals how Joanna Lumley and a Piccadilly shop inspired the much-loved series. (R)
- 11.55 Comedy Connections.** The story behind prison-based sitcom Porridge, and a chance to discover which actor was originally earmarked for the part of Godber. (R)
- 12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead.**
- 12.30 BBC News.**

BBC2

- 6.15 The A to Z of TV Gardening.** Carol Kirkwood looks at themes beginning with the letter C. (R)
- 7.00 Glorious Gardens from Above.** Exploring Hampshire by hot-air balloon. (R)
- 7.45 Gardeners' World.** (R)
- 8.15 Countryfile.** Report from Countryfile Live, the event held earlier this month in Oxfordshire. (R)
- 9.15 The Beechgrove Garden.**
- 9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** James Martin presents highlights of the series. (R)
- 11.15 Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook.** (R)
- 11.45 James Martin: Home Comforts.** (R)
- 12.15 MOTD2 Extra.** With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team.
- 1.00 Athletics: Diamond League Highlights.** The Meeting Areva.
- 2.00 FILM: None But the Brave (1965).** Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra.
- 3.45 Flog It!** From the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex. (R)
- 4.30 Kate Humble: My Sheepdog and Me.** The broadcaster sets out to breed puppies from her pet Teg. (R)
- 5.30 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice.** An assessment of the contenders' efforts in cake week. (R)
- 6.00 Highlands: Scotland's Wild Heart.** Following the efforts being made by scientists, conservationists and local people in the Highlands as they work to rebuild wild landscapes and habitats. Last in the series. (R)
- 7.00 Cats v Dogs: Which Is Best?** In the second of two programmes, poodles and pussies are tested in training skills, independence and their capacity for love. Presented by Chris Packham and Liz Bonnin. (R)
- 8.00 Robot Wars.** Dara O Briain and Angela Scanlon present the final, featuring the five heat winners and one of the runners-up. Last in the series.
- 9.00 Dragons' Den.** A merchant navy officer-turned-product designer demonstrates his tablet holder, and two proud parents pitch their organic skincare product for babies. Presented by Evan Davis.
- 10.00 Fleabag.** Dumped by her emotionally fragile boyfriend, Fleabag attempts to rekindle romantic fires to distract her from the mayhem of her life. Comedy, starring Phoebe Waller-Brige.
- 10.30 Murder in Successville.** This week DI Sleet is joined by TV personality Mark Wright and the duo are teamed with the task of eradicating a new lethal drug, nicknamed Miranda.
- 11.00 FILM: Up There (2012).** A spirit charged with escorting the recently deceased to the afterlife ends up losing a soul somewhere in a seaside town. Comic fantasy, with Burn Gorman and Kate O'Flynn.
- 12.15 FILM: Coco Chanel & Igor Stravinsky (2009).** Fact-based drama, with Anna Mouglalis and Mads Mikkelsen.
- 2.05 Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
- 3.05 This Is BBC2.**

ITV

- 6.00 CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge.**
- 6.25 Pat & Stan**
- 6.35 Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures**
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- 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story**
- 7.00 Sooty**
- 7.15 Super 4**
- 7.35 Thunderbirds Are Go**
- 8.00 Ninjago: Rise of the Snakes**
- 8.25 ITV News.**
- 8.30 Weekend.** With Stefanie Powers, Martin Roberts and Chris de Burgh.
- 9.25 Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates an old scandal. (R)
- 10.15 Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica is kidnapped. (R)
- 11.15 FILM: Columbo: Troubled Waters (1975).** Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Robert Vaughn.
- 1.15 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 1.20 Long Lost Family.** A 39-year-old woman searches for her Salvadoran father. Last in the series. (R)
- 2.25 The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
- 3.25 The X Factor.** The annual talent contest returns. (R)
- 4.55 FILM: Despicable Me (2010).** Animated comedy, with the voice of Steve Carell.
- 6.35 ITV News Central; Weather.**
- 6.45 ITV News and Weather.**
- 7.00 Ellie Simmonds: Swimming with Dolphins.** The gold-medal winning Paralympic swimmer takes a break from training to conquer her fear of the open ocean and fulfil her childhood dream of swimming with wild dolphins.
- 8.00 The X Factor.** Dermot O'Leary presents as the opening weekend auditions continue, with Simon Cowell, Louis Walsh, Sharon Osbourne and Nicole Scherzinger appraising more would-be stars.
- 9.00 Victoria.** New series. Period drama, charting the 18-year-old Queen Victoria's struggle to mature into a formidable ruler capable of building an empire. Starring Jenna Coleman.
- 10.35 ITV News and Weather; Weather.**
- 10.50 Slow Train Through Africa with Griff Rhys Jones.** Griff travels across Namibia in the south-west, experiencing luxury camping, encountering cheetahs, and visiting 1,000-foot sand dunes. (R)
- 11.45 Tipping Point.** Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show, in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R)
- 12.45 Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
- 3.00 Motorsport UK.** Highlights from Snetterton, featuring the Renault UK Clio Cup and the Ginetta Junior Championship. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
- 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
- 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

- 6.15 Motor Sport: Caterham Motorsport.** Action from the latest race of the Caterham Championship.
- 6.40 Motor Sport: Spa Classic.** Action from the event at Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps in Belgium.
- 7.05 Frasier.** The shrink tries to learn how to play softball. (R)
- 7.30 Frasier.** Roz auditions for a radio presenting job. (R)
- 8.00 The Big Bang Theory.** Howard is asked to throw the first pitch at a baseball game. (R)
- 8.30 The Big Bang Theory.** The guys consider investing in the comic-book shop. (R)
- 9.00 Sunday Brunch.** Celebrity guests and conversation, with Tim Lovejoy and Simon Rimmer.
- 12.00 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Live.** Coverage of the 13th round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm).
- 4.00 Guy Martin's Passion for Life.** Documentary following the life of the motorcycle racer and lorry mechanic. (R)
- 4.30 Location, Location, Location.** People who sought homes in Fife and Derby. (R)
- 5.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** A couple search for a holiday home on Florida's Gulf Coast.
- 6.35 Channel 4 News.**
- 7.00 Posh Pawn.** The owner of a historic boat seeks £750,000 to fulfil his dream of becoming a well-known children's author, and a memorable returning client hopes to sell an original painting.
- 8.00 Prehistoric Mega Beasts: Croc v Snake.** Documentary using fossils extracted during a mining project in Colombia to determine whether the 43-foot titanoboa or a ferocious crocodilian creature ruled the prehistoric world.
- 9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of Everything.** Noel Fielding, Eddie Izzard, Alan Carr, Chelsea Peretti, Romesh Ranganathan and Dara O Briain are quizzed by Jimmy Carr on the past 100,000 years of history. Last in the series.
- 10.35 FILM: The Watch (2012).** A supermarket manager forms a neighbourhood watch group to patrol his community, but stumbles on an alien invasion. Sci-fi comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn.
- 12.40 Formula 1: Belgian Grand Prix Highlights.** Action from the 13th round of the season.
- 1.40 Friday Night Dinner.** (R)
- 2.05 Walking the Himalayas.** Levison Wood's journey ends in Bhutan. Last in the series. (R)
- 3.00 Location, Location, Location.** Revisiting two couples searching for homes in Torbay. (R)
- 3.55 Come Dine with Me.** A part-time model and writer hosts the first dinner party in west London. (R)
- 4.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 4.50 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 5.15 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
- 5.40 Come Dine with Me.** (R)

Channel 5

- 6.00 Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig
- 6.05 Toby's Travelling Circus**
- 6.15 Angelina Ballerina**
- 6.30 Bob the Builder**
- 6.40 Wanda and the Alien**
- 6.50 Zack and Quack**
- 7.05 Pets**
- 7.10 Noddy in Toyland**
- 7.20 Paw Patrol**
- 7.35 Little Princess**
- 7.50 Pip Ahoy!**
- 8.10 Blaze and the Monster Machines**
- 8.35 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom**
- 8.50 Shimmer and Shine**
- 9.15 Jelly Jamm**
- 9.30 LazyTown**
- 9.55 The Fairly OddParents.** Double bill. Timmy wishes to have more than one father.
- 10.30 Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights from the weekend's games. (R)
- 11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in the Leagues One and Two. (R)
- 12.05 Access.** Showbiz news and gossip. (R)
- 12.10 Now That's Funny!** A baby has an odd reaction to bacon. (R)
- 1.10 FILM: Are We There Yet? (2005).** Family comedy, starring Ice Cube.
- 3.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Compilation of cat-themed internet videos. (R)
- 4.00 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud.** The internet's most popular videos featuring dogs. (R)
- 5.00 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Clips of four-mouthed parrots and a water-skiing squirrel. (R)
- 6.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.** Dave Spikely and Zoe Lyons introduce videos from the internet featuring animals doing bizarre and humorous things, with the first edition focusing on cats. (R)
- 7.00 Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.** Compilation of internet videos featuring children doing bizarre and humorous things.
- 8.00 Can't Pay? Benefits Special.** The agents grapple with emotional evictions and moral dilemmas, focusing on people who have fallen into debt and those tasked with recovering the money. (R)
- 8.55 5 News Weekend.**
- 9.00 The Most Shocking Moments of the 00s.** Key moments and clips from the decade, featuring Justin Bieber's antics, Lady Gaga's meat dress and Britney Spears' meltdown.
- 11.55 Tattoo Disasters UK.** The stories of more people who regret tattoos and are taking steps to get them removed, including a make-up artist who has one dedicated to friends he no longer sees. (R)
- 12.50 Lip Sync Battle: Walking Dead Special.** Lauren Cohan and Sonequa Martin-Green take on the music challenge.
- 1.15 SuperCasino.** Live interactive gaming.
- 3.10 Suspects: The Enemy Within.** Jack struggles to sit on the sidelines. (R)
- 4.00 House Doctor.** (R)
- 4.25 House Doctor.** (R)
- 4.50 Wildlife SOS.** (R)
- 5.15 Wildlife SOS.** (R)
- 5.40 Angels of Jarm.** (R)
- 5.50 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

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And it doesn't really matter if your head-

ing off-road or down the motorway because the Discovery Sport is equally at home on either surface. You know you're going to get superb performance in the mud but will be surprisingly impressed by how well this model handles on the tarmac thanks to well weighted and direct steering.

Behind the wheel you can be excused for forgetting this is a Land Rover and not a Range Rover with nowhere near as much body roll as you would expect, but the reminders come around town when the firm ride is always evident.

There's a neat terrain response package to help support the four-wheel drive system and inside the cabin there's plenty of evidence that this model is heavily influenced by Range Rover design with more technology than the average man can understand.

There's seven seats, though I'm going to say you wouldn't catch me travelling in the back pair for love or money, and that means only a small boot space is left with all the seats in position – not enough for a family weekend away when fully laden.

Powered by a 2.0litre TD4 turbocharged engine with nine-speed automatic gearbox the Discovery Sport claims 53.3mpg on the combined cycle, though on a week's test I never achieved that level. CO2 emissions will interest a lot of potential buyers and they will be impressed by the figure of just 139g/km. Add a top speed of 117mph and 0-60mph in just 8.4 seconds and you soon realise why the Disco is roving so popular with buyers.

The model on test was a HSE Luxury in white, which meant ebony interior and lots of leather. Add 20inch sparkle silver alloy wheels to the sleek design package and you begin to lose the lines between Land Rover and Range Rover.



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There a standard package of features you would ever expect to get with a Land Rover such as three-row climate control, DAB radio, 11 speakers, Sat Nav, Apps, automatic beam control, heated leather steering wheel, heated and cooled front seats and a stunning panoramic roof.

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tailgate, lane departure warning, front and rear parking aids and a reversing camera.

All that would set you back £43,000 but the test car also included an entertainment pack, InControl Connect, adaptive headlamps and an electric deployable tow-bar which pushed the selling price up to £47,475.

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New Octavias join range



Škoda is adding two new trim levels to its best-selling Octavia range – SE Sport and SE Technology.

Both new models offer significant equipment boosts over the standard SE models and have been created to satisfy buyer demands for the latest in-car technology and sporty design.

Priced from £19,990 on-the-road, the Octavia SE Sport is available in hatch and estate form and is offered with two engine options: 1.4 TSI 150PS and 1.6 TDI 110PS, with the option of a DSG gearbox on both.

As part of the standard specification, SE Sport models stand out from the crowd thanks to 17-inch Denom alloy wheels, bi-xenon headlights, LED Daytime running lights with automatic activation and LED rear lights.

Technology

Inside, SE Sport models feature sport seats, a Super Sport Multi-Function Steering Wheel and an automatic dimming rear view mirror, while standard technology includes Amundsen satellite navigation system with Wi-Fi and cruise control.

Despite its raft of additional equipment offered on the SE Sport, it costs just £950 more than the standard SE. That means buyers choosing the SE Sport over the SE benefit from over £3,150 of customer value over the cost of individual options.

Joining the SE Sport in the expanded Octavia line-up is a new SE Technology model. It can be specified in hatch or estate forms, and is available with four TDI diesel options with power outputs ranging from 110PS to 150PS.

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Like the SE Sport model, the SE Technology comes with a specification list that's bursting at the seams with equipment. Among the technology features included over the standard SE are an Amundsen satellite navigation system with Wi-Fi, a four-spoke Multifunction steering wheel, adaptive cruise control (standard cruise

control on GreenLine III models) and front and rear parking sensors.

The equipment list also features a Chrome pack and double-sided boot floor covering along with light and rain sensors.

The SE Technology replaces the current SE Business model and enjoys a specification that delivers significant value to company car drivers.

Despite its increased specification – with options that would normally cost £1,830 on the standard SE – the SE Technology com-

mands a premium of £275 over the outgoing model. This gives a customer saving of £1,155.

For company car drivers choosing the 1.6 TDI 110PS model, the benefits in terms of BiK payments are also significant. Drivers in the 20 per cent tax bracket can save up to £177 a year, while drivers in the 40 per cent tax bracket can save up to £355 when compared to the previous SE Business specified with the same additional equipment as the new SE Technology.

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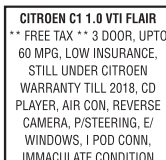
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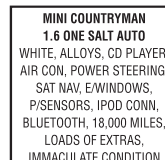
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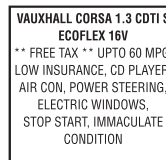
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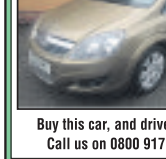
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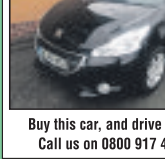
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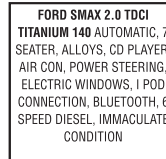
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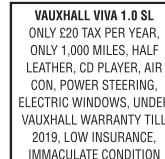
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DS 3 wins hands down

By Sharon Walters

I wouldn't have to toss a coin in the air to decide between the DS 3 and its main rival the MINI. There's simply no hesitation for me. DS wins hands down. Whether in

It's curvy, seductive and very come hither. Unlike the pumped up MINI which while it's a great car doesn't set my heart aflutter. But then I am a Francophile and this car is so very, very chic and Gallic.

And don't mistake my 'looks matter' impression, the DS 3 offers the best package for my needs.

It has good ride and handling, low running costs and is very well put together inside. There's also plenty of kit as standard across the trims plus a range of economical and entertaining engines.

That standard spec includes alloy wheels, air-conditioning, an anti-theft alarm and a new 7-inch colour touchscreen.



Step up from the entry level Chic to Elegance and you also get 'Blade' 16-inch alloy wheels and LED front fog lights and inside, sports seats with stylish new 'Dinamica' cloth trim and automatic air-conditioning. There is also the latest-generation functionality includes rear parking sensors and the DS Connect Box emergency and assistance system. At the top Prestige adds eMyWay satellite navigation and front parking sensors, as well as Alcantara® upholstery, 17-inch alloy wheels and a lot more.

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Impressed

I tried out the Prestige THP 165 S&S 6-speed manual and while not the most friendly in terms of emissions as regards road fund licence, it impressed me more than the DS 5 I drove earlier in the summer.

My journey into work includes some lovely winding country roads and the DS 3 was a joy to travel in, especially at my usual commute time of around 6.30am.

It loved the corners and thanks to its fairly stiff suspension, always felt well positioned and secure on the road. And it also enjoyed dual carriageway and motorway cruising - giving the feeling of being in a much larger car.

One of the biggest contributors to the travel comfort lies with the large supportive seats. Get out after a couple of hundred miles and there was no unwinding of the spine!

The 1.6 litre THP 165 almost gives you a hot-hatch performance - it will get from 0-62 mph in 7.5 seconds and should you get on a race track will get up to 135 mph.

Inside the car is very boutique French.



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It has good ride and handling, low running costs and is very well put together inside
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There's nice detailing on the dashboard and the dials are pretty with a 'floating' hood sitting above them.

And the car is right up to date with with a new touchscreen featuring Apple Car-Play and Android Auto tech.Plus an excellent hi-fi on top grade models which has a sub-woofer and central surround sound speaker.

Above all DS 3 is about individuality and on top of the standard trims there's a huge array of individual personalisation options

or extra spec packs - enabling you to make the car have your very own personality.

And looking to the future and what you'll get when you sell, it's a stylish and popular model that sells well both new and used. That means it is acar in demand, which results in depreciation being reduced.

All models get remote stereo controls, and Bluetooth, USB socket and DAB features on all but the basic Chic.

And there you have why this car is my favourite in the sector.

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Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier Division			
P	W	D	L
Sentinel	18	14	0
Quatt	18	12	0
Wem	18	10	3
Quatt	18	9	1
Ludlow & SS	18	9	0
Madley	18	8	1
Bromsgrove	18	8	1
Albrighton	18	8	0
Frankton	18	7	1
St Georges	18	4	11
Borners Heath	18	3	10
Shilton	18	2	13
Forton	18	1	13

Division 1			
P	W	D	L
Newtown	18	12	2
Market Drayton	18	12	2
Count	18	9	1
Knockin & Conover	18	7	3
Conover	18	6	3
Wroxeter Grove	18	6	3
Beacon	18	6	3
Allscott	18	4	3
Lilleshall	18	4	2
Alberbury	18	4	2
Pontesbury	18	4	0
Wellington	18	1	13

Division 2			
P	W	D	L
Montgomery	18	10	5
Wishpoole	18	8	5
Wheaton Aston	18	7	4
Pros	18	7	4
Bishops Castle	18	5	9
Church Stretton	18	7	3
Ellesmere	18	4	4
Shrewsbury	18	4	4
Willy	18	4	3
Tiberton	18	4	4
Iscoyd & F	18	2	12
Cae Glas	18	1	12

Division 3			
P	W	D	L
Church Aston	18	8	5
Shilton	18	7	8
Harpers	18	7	8
Ludlow & SS	18	5	3
Chelmarsh	18	5	3
Trusley & S	18	5	3
Hodnet & P	18	5	3
Much Wenlock	18	3	8
Corvedale	18	4	2
Caversham	18	4	2
Harcourt	18	3	11
Llanidloes	18	4	12

Division 4			
P	W	D	L
St Georges	18	14	0
Overton-on-Dee	18	11	1
Gulfield	18	10	2
Acton Reynald	18	10	2
Brighthorn	18	7	4
Count Hall	18	7	4
Beacon	18	6	2
Wroxeter Grove	18	6	2
Hinstock	18	4	4
Quatt	18	2	13
Beacon	18	1	12
Allscott	18	1	12

Reserve Division 1			
P	W	D	L
St Georges	18	16	1
Sentinel	18	11	1
Wem	18	11	1
Quatt	18	7	4
Knockin & K	18	9	2
Frankton	18	9	2
Madley	18	5	0
Ludlow & SS	18	5	1
Count	18	5	2
Beacon	18	4	3
Wellington	18	3	12

Reserve Division 2			
P	W	D	L
Wroxeter Grove	18	9	7
Shilton	18	7	6
Willy	18	8	6
Ellesmere	18	8	2
Lilleshall	18	8	2
Montgomery	18	5	3
Conover	18	6	7
Forton	18	6	1
Iscoyd & F	18	5	4
Alberbury	18	4	1
Cae Glas	18	1	10

Reserve Division 3			
P	W	D	L
Albrighton	18	13	0
Market Drayton	18	13	0
Newtown	18	10	3
Whittington	18	11	2
Shilton	18	11	0
Acton Reynald	18	7	1
Bishops Castle	18	5	1
Allscott	18	5	1
Wishpoole	18	6	3
Much Wenlock	18	5	2
Shrewsbury	18	5	2
St Georges	18	4	1
Corvedale	18	4	0
Lilleshall	18	2	10
Llanidloes	18	1	1

Sunday Division 1			
P	W	D	L
Wem	18	9	3
Wellington	18	9	3
Newport	18	8	0
World	18	8	0
Knockin & K	18	6	3
Count	18	6	2
Alberbury	18	3	8
Sentinel	18	3	8
Oswestry	18	3	5
Frankton	18	4	3
Wroxeter Grove	18	3	9
Borners Heath	18	3	9

Sunday Division 2			
P	W	D	L
Whitchurch	18	6	2
Lilleshall	18	6	2
Ludlow & SS	18	5	3
Knockin & K	18	5	3
Oswestry	18	5	2
Wroxeter Grove	18	5	0
Wellington	18	5	3
Madley	18	5	2
Madley	18	2	7

Birmingham & District Premier Cricket League

Premier Division			
P	W	D	L
Berkswell	17	12	2
Shrewsbury	17	12	2
Kidderminster	17	9	2
Kenilworth W	17	5	0
Knowle & D	17	2	6
Wolverhampton	17	1	1
Barnt Green	17	6	3
W.D. Marton	17	5	3
Omberley	17	8	3
Walsley	17	3	8
Walmley	17	4	3
Leamington	17	1	13

Division One

P	W	D	L
Brookhampton	17	10	3
Dorridge	17	9	3
Attack	17	7	0
Mosley	17	7	1
Himley	17	5	5
Bridgnorth	17	7	1
Wellington	17	6	2
Barnards Green	17	5	6
Bromsgrove	17	4	4
Albrighton	17	3	2
Frankton	17	3	2
St Georges	17	2	10
Sutton Coldfield	17	2	10

Division Two			
P	W	D	L
Shifnal	17	10	3
Halesowen	17	9	3
Tamworth	17	9	2
Hartnole	17	4	3
Old Elcibathans	17	7	2
Wombourne	17	6	4
C & R Hawks	17	5	4
Penkridge	17	5	4
Oswestry	17	5	4
Coventry & N.W.17	17	1	9
Stratford-on-Avon	17	2	8
Stourbridge	17	2	11

Division Three			
P	W	D	L
Fordhouses	17	13	1
Parcho	17	10	0
Astwood Bank	17	9	1
Streety	17	10	0
Hardsworth	17	8	4
Newport	17	4	10
Lichfield	17	4	2
Acton Manor	17	3	7
Shrewsbury	17	4	7
Worfield	17	4	2
Easthor	17	3	7
Whitchurch	17	0	10

Second Teams Premier Division

P	W	D	L
Wolverhampton	17	10	4
Knockin & D	17	9	3
Himley	17	9	3
Shifnal	17	8	0
Walmley	17	6	2
Barnes	17	6	2
Mosley	17	6	2
Leamington	17	6	0
Brookhampton	17	4	7
Stratford-on-Avon	17	4	7
Kidderminster	17	3	8
Halesowen	17	2	9

Division One			
P	W	D	L
Astwood Bank	17	10	0
Kenilworth W	17	9	2
Omberley	17	10	0
Old Elcibathans	17	5	2
Attack	17	6	7
Barnt Green	17	6	7
Walsley	17	6	3
Beacon	17	6	3
Coventry & N.W.17	17	5	3
Oswestry	17	5	3
Wellington	17	4	8
Shrewsbury	17	2	10

Division Two North			
P	W	D	L
Tamworth	17	12	1
Berkswell	17	12	1
Wombourne	17	10	2
Penkridge	17	10	4
Old Elcibathans	17	8	1
Lichfield	17	7	0
Newport	17	5	6
Stratford-on-Avon	17	3	11
C & R Hawks	17	2	13
Whitchurch	17	2	14

Division Two South			
P	W	D	L
Bromsgrove	17	12	0
Stratford-on-Avon	17	8	4
Berkswell	17	10	2
Penkridge	17	10	2
Acton Manor	17	6	4
Streety	17	6	2
Sutton Coldfield	17	6	0
Hardsworth	17	6	0
Barnards Green	17	5	1
Easthor	17	4	9
Shifnal	17	4	9
Dorridge	17	2	10

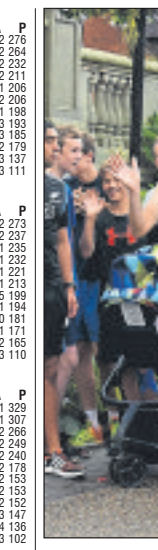
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Division 1			
P	W	D	L
Luctonians	17	13	1
Garnons	17	12	1
Linton	17	7	5
Woolhope	17	6	7
Abergeynvay	17	6	5
Burgill, T&W	17	5	1
Goodrich	17	5	1
Knights	17	4	3
Builth Wells	17	3	9
Glangwney	17	3	9
Canon F&M	17	3	7
Ledbury	17	1	11

Division 2			
P	W	D	L
Brookhampton	15	9	0
Dorridge	15	9	0
Luctonians	15	7	6
Almeley	15	6	3
Canon F&M	15	5	2
Knights	15	4	3
Prestigine	15	2	9
Colwall	15	4	7
Builth Wells	15	3	7

Division 3			
P	W	D	L
Easthor	17	11	1
Garnons	17	12	1
Charlton Sat A	17	8	4
Abergeynvay	17	7	4
Burgill, T&W	17	6	5
Goodrich	17	6	4
Ledbury	17	6	4
Moas	17	6	2
Easthor	17	1	6
Bosbury	17	1	10

Division 4			
P	W	D	L
Talybot-on-U	17	14	1
Wroxley	17	12	1
H'ydians	17	9	2
Avon-Wye	17	9	5
Knights	17	6	5
St Georges	17	4	3
Stratford-on-Avon	17	4	3
Colwall	17	5	8
Brookhampton	17	6	0
Walsley	17	5	10
Bartestree & L	17	2	11
Luctonians	17	1	13



Mid Shropshire Bowling League

Division 1			
P	W	D	L
Donn Wood A	22	21	263
Bowling A	22	20	242
Wrock Wood A	22	20	242
Madley C & A	22	14	174
Horsey A	22	14	174
Donn Wood B	22	13	173
St Georges A	22	11	166
Donn Wood B	22	9	153
Albrighton A	22	8	148
HUSC A	22	8	148
Donn Wood B	22	5	118
Wrock Wood B	22	3	90

P	W	D	L
1	262		
1	259		
2	242		
1	226		
1	214		
2	201		
3	195		
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3	195		
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1	167		
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3	120		

SJ Bayley A.....	22	18	249
Highley A.....	22	20	249
Bridgnorth A.....	22	15	189
Trench A.....	22	17	177
Bowling B.....	22	13	174
Broseley A.....	22	13	174
Donn Wood B.....	22	10	148
Charlton A.....	22	9	146
Sinclair B.....	22	9	146
Shifnal A.....	22	9	146
Madley CC R.....	22	9	146

Olympians racing on roads and mountains



Steve Roberts flying down Snowdon. Pic: Sports Picture Cyr.

THERE were some terrific results from Oswestry Olympians who turned out in force for the Ponderosa Fell Run near Llangollen.

Notable results saw Steve Roberts finish first in the M60, while Ian Lowe and Brian Rothera were second and third respectively in the M45.

First overall in the senior men was Karl Steinegger of Ambleside AC in a time of 26:29.

Sarah Greaves and Ellen Harrison, meanwhile, were first in their categories and Ellen Ashton third in the F45.

Meanwhile, entries are still open for the Ellesmere 10k on Sunday, August 28, with the popular event a terrific opportunity to set a personal best on a picturesque course.

Results (Olympians only)
Ponderosa fell race (four miles, 950ft climb) 93 runners: 4 Pete Butler 28:31 SM; 11 Ian Lowe 30:41 M45 2nd; 16 Brian Rothera 31:31 M45 3rd; 18 Richard Davies 31:57 SM; 24 Steve Roberts 32:41 M60 1st; 37th John Snell 34:23 M50 4th; 44 Richard Foggins 35:00 M50; 45 Dave Hughes 35:13 M50; 46 Darrell Walsh 35:32 M40; 64 Ellen Ashton 38:15 L45 3rd; 76 Josh Xoxley 40:55 SM; 78 Ian Watkins 41:14 M55; 83 Sarah Greaves 43:00 L55 1st; 89 Ellen Harrison 48:04 L60 1st.

Paul Jones showed he's back to form after a long injury lay-off with excellent runs in both the Snowdon International Mountain Race and the Helena Tipping 10k at Wrexham.

After a strong run in the mountains up and down Snowdon he was just pipped in a close finish in the 10k. Results:

Snowdon International Mountain Race (544 runners): 1 Chris Smith England 01:05:47 M-INT; 22 Paul Jones Merca/Oswestry Olympians 01:13:53 M45 2nd; 158 Ian Lowe Oswestry Olympians 01:35:11 M45; 204 Steve Roberts Oswestry Olympians 01:39:28 M60 4th; 290 Dave Card Oswestry Olympians 01:46:01 SM.
Helena Tipping 10k, Wrexham: 1 Daniel Weston 33:23; 2 Paul Jones 33:29; 14 Peter Butler 35:49; 64 Richard Davies 41:33; 177 Karen Owens 50:08; 177 Garry Owens 50:08; 219 William Davison 52:41; 260 Diana Davenport 57:42; 305 Victoria Brayne 1:00:10; 342 Kelly Clarke 1:05:51.

Saints back on track with away-day win

ST MARTINS got back on track in the West Midlands League division one after returning from Bromyard Town with a timely 4-2 victory.

After a depleted side were hit for six by Bustleholme the week before, the Saints steadied the ship with their second win in three outings.

It was a young Bromyard side who looked the more assured early on as the visitors struggled to get into their stride despite taking a 12th minute lead through Adam Jones with a well-taken goal.

The Herefordshire hosts were back on terms on the half hour, but Gary Meredith restored the lead before half time with the first of his two goals.

St Martins were much improved after the interval, with Callum Bennett scrambling the ball home from a corner on the hour to make it 3-1.

Bromyard pulled one back, but Meredith's second goal of the game eased the nerves as the visitors returned with the points.

On Saturday, the Saints face a tough clash away to Old Wulfrunians who have won their first three outings.

Budd blooms with two goals on debut

TEENAGER Charlotte Budd grabbed a brace on her debut as The New Saints Ladies launched their season in the FA Women's Premier League Midland division one with a 5-2 win over Long Eaton Ladies at Foxen Manor.

Both sides had been promoted this season, with Saints giving starting places for Lia Lewis and Del Morgan for the inaugural Premier League match, along with Emma Roden who played for the reserves last season, and 16-year old Budd.

The encounter did not start well, with keeper De-lyth Morgan beaten in the 19th minute to give the visitors the lead, but the Saints were back on terms

four minutes later when Budd nipped in to fire into the bottom corner after a poor pass from defender Rosemary Hayles.

Long Eaton restored their advantage three minutes before half time following a defensive muddle that led to an own goal, but TNS came out for the second period with renewed purpose.

They were back on terms through Laura Morris from Sophie Davies' cross

and were soon ahead when Lia Lewis played a one-two with Roden before smashing a 30-yard shot into the net.

Louise Anderson then headed in a Budd corner to

make it 4-2 on 62 minutes, before victory was sealed when a deep free kick taken by Chloe Wilkinson found its way to Budd who twisted round the Long Eaton defenders before firing past the keeper for her second goal of the game.

"We made hard work of the game in the first half, but the application and effort of every player second half saw us get our first win at this level," said manager Peter Wilson.

He praised Budd's performance, adding: "Being 16 and being able to play the way she did takes some beating. We hope she can now push on to keep that starting place as we move on through the season."

Five-star Saints are red-hot at seaside

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

A SERIOUS head injury to Adrian Cieslewicz overshadowed The New Saints' dominant five goal Dafabet Welsh Premier drubbing of Llandudno at a windswept Maesdu Park.

The Seasiders were blown away by goals from Cieslewicz, Scott Quigley, Chris Seargeant (two, his first a penalty) and Ryan Brobbel as the Saints underlined their credentials in testing conditions.

But, with the three points already wrapped up, victory was marred late on when Polish-born winger Cieslewicz suffered a sickening head injury following a collision with Tudno defender Danny Taylor.

The former Wrexham man, so impressive in the first two games of the season was stretched off, before being taken to hospital by ambulance at the end of the game.

Hospital scans showed that Cieslewicz had suffered two fractures to his head and may need an operation.

The Saints were at their clinical best as they dominated against a side that finished third last season, making light of the blustery conditions on the coast. They never looked back after taking the lead after just six minutes when some slick play outside the box saw them prise a well crafted opening.

Ryan Brobbel chipped over the defence, Aeron Edwards, at full stretch on the left of the goal, managed to steer the ball into the middle of the box where Cieslewicz was left in space to drive the ball through the legs of keeper Dave Roberts from 12 yards.

More incisive play saw Harrison's men double their advantage as Brobbel played in Seargeant who was halted in his tracks, but the ball fell for Quigley whose turn left the defence in his wake before smashing a crisp shot past the diving Roberts. And it was three from the penalty spot in first half injury time, James Joyce bring down Aeron Edwards in the box, and Seargeant made no mistake.

With the second half starting in similar vein, the wind played a part as TNS netted a fourth six minutes after the break when Seargeant's inswinging corner from the left eluded the home defence before nestling in the far top corner.

Brobbel, who played his part in several of the Saints' telling moves, then got on the scoresheet himself.

Town taste defeat for first time



FC Oswestry's Jack Harris attempts a shot from the ground against Widnes. Picture: Ian Jones.

AFTER three games without defeat, FC Oswestry Town fell to their first loss in the North West Counties League division one when downed 3-1 by an impressive Widnes side at Park Hall, writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

It proved a tough encounter for the league new boys who will look to dust themselves down and learn from the defeat as they prepare for another busy week.

A hat-trick from Kevin Towey sealed the spoils for the visitors, with Town pulling one back in the last minute through substitute Callum Graybrook who produced

a good finish.

After an even start, Widnes started to look the more dangerous and took the lead on the half hour through Towey's long range lob after being played in by Danny Mason.

The striker had further chances before adding a second on 66 minutes after George Webster had intercepted a stray pass, before completing his treble eight minutes later, Graybrook got one back, but it was all too late.

Town, who had to finish the game with 10 men following an injury to sub Jordan Gerrard, will

look to bounce back at home to Shropshire rivals Whitchurch Alport in midweek before travelling to Cheadle Town on Saturday.

FC OSWESTRY RES crashed to their first defeat of the season after being well beaten 8-1 away to Shrewsbury Juniors in the Mercian Regional League division one.

GOBOWEN CELTIC are going well in the premier division, with their 3-1 win away to Bridgnorth reserves lifting them up to second with seven points from three outings.

Llan fight back – and now top table

EARLY challengers Llanrhaeadr battled back from two goals down to finish all square 2-2 at Llandrindod Wells to maintain their creditable start to their Spar Mid Wales League division one campaign.

The villagers made a poor start, trailing to a penalty from Jonny Williams after just three minutes and went further behind early in the second half to a strike from Shaun Nicholls.

But they stormed forward after that, with their pressure seeing top scorer Iwan Matthews levelelling from a Ben White header on 55 minutes, before Iain Edmunds levelled with a spot kick five minutes from time after Wayne Austin had been brought down.

Llan failed to capitalise on enough chances to win it at the end, but the point was enough to take them top of the table on goal difference.

It's been a poor start for **WELSHPOOL** who are still looking for their first points after slipping to a fourth straight defeat when downed 2-0 at 10-man Llanidloes Town. Steve Jones gave the Daffs the lead, and was then contentiously sent off for inadvertently colliding with the referee.

Despite a man short, Llani - who saw Rhys Evans have a penalty saved - wrapped up the points in the second half through Alex Jones to leave Pool firmly

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

rooted to the foot of the table.

Peter Rees scored four times, including a hat-trick in the first 17 minutes, as Carno notched a last-gasp 5-4 win away to Hay St Mary's, Richie Evans also on target.

After three wins following their relegation from the Cymru Alliance, joint pacesetters Rhayader Town dropped their first points when held 1-1 at Aberaron. Bow Street maintained the early pressure with a 3-1 home success against Radnor Valley, while Knighton Town thumped Machynlleth 4-1.

In division two, **FOUR CROSSES** were 2-0 home winners against Dolgellau, **DYFFRYN BANW** gained a first win when prevailing 1-0 at Penybont, while Churchstoke went down 3-1 at early leaders Builth Wells.

■ **Llanrhaeadr** will host Dolgellau in the second round of the FAW Trophy, with the tie to be played on Saturday September 3.

Selected ties: Bow Street v Carno, Churchstoke v Knighton Town, Llanrhaeadr v Dolgellau, Llanantffraid Village v Llanidloes Town, Llanuwchllyn v Berriew, Machynlleth v Llandrindod Wells, Presteigne C'twyn Bryncrug v Montgomery Town. All ties to be played on September 3.

Edwards on target as Guils get a flying start

A **FIRST** half goal from Aaron Edwards got Guilsfield up and running in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance with a well-earned 1-0 success at Gresford Athletic.

After the disappointment of their 2-1 home reverse against Flint Town United on the opening day, the Guils bounced back with a determined to display to return with the three points.

Dan Barton's side had the lion's share of the first half with Gresford's keeper Jon Hill-Dunt denying Adam Jenkins and Edwards in the first five minutes. They continued to make the running and the breakthrough came seven minutes before half time when Callum Bromley's clearance caused confusion in the home defence, and Edwards latched onto the through ball to head over keeper Hill-Dunt.

Gresford rallied in the second period, but the Guils held firm for a valuable first victory.

LLANFAIR UNITED are also off the mark after bagging their first point of the campaign with a resolute 0-0 draw away to Flint Town United.

They were on the back foot for much of the encounter, but dug deep, with keeper David Jones rock solid. Although Flint did hit the post, they struggled to find a way through a resilient backline.

Meanwhile, Caersws made it two wins out two with a 3-2 home verdict against Ruthin Town, but had enough chances to have emerged far more convincing winners.

Sean Evans scored twice to take his tally to five in two games after Mike Collister had got the first.

Saturday's Alliance fixtures

Buckley Town v Denbigh Town, Conwy Borough v Flint Town Utd, Llanfair United v Gresford Athletic, Mold Alex v Caersws, Caernarfon Town v Prestatyn Town, Guilsfield v Holyhead Hotspur, Holywell Town v Penrhyryncoch, Porthmadog v Ruthin Town.

Reserves in opening day Shield win

LLANFAIR United reserves launched their campaign on a high with a 3-1 win over Newtown Rovers to lift the Tegwyn Evans Shield.

Matthew Bumford opened the scoring, Andrew Hughes doubled the lead and Paul Griffiths made it 3-0 just before half time.

Llanfair made numerous changes in the second half and Newtown pulled a goal back, but United were not to be denied an early piece of silverware.

However, there was disappointment in their Montgomeryshire League division one opener with Llanfair when they went down 4-2 at home to Llanfyllin Town, their replies coming through an own goal and Chris Humphreys.

Montgomeryshire League results

Division one: Guilsfield Res 3 Newtown Rovers 1, Llanfair Utd Res 2 Llanfyllin Town 4, Caersws Res 3 Berriew Res 4, Llanrhaeadr Res 2 Morda United 5.

Division two: Abermule 1 Maesyrhandir 4, Kerry Res 8 Waterloo Rovers Res 0, Newtown Wanderers 3 Carno Res 1.

Ifton cruise home and up to sixth

IFTON moved to sixth spot in the Flowfit Shropshire Premier Bowls League after returning to winning ways with a convincing 10-4 (235-193) win at home over lowly Wem USC.

Craig Griffiths led the way with a 21-18 success that earned him the most valuable player accolade, while the biggest winner of the night for the hosts was David Rocky Jones who produced a storming victory to four - his 14th win of the campaign.

Nicky Jones showed his worth with a 21-10 success, Dave Bond also won to 11 and Leighton Roberts to 13.

With four matches left, Ifton are back on the road on Friday night when they make a tricky trip to third placed Chester Road.

Rhyn face relegation after losing home clash

WESTON RHYN A stand on the brink of relegation to the Oswestry and District Bowling League division two after their 7-3 (145-137) home loss to Llangollen A.

With two games left in the first division, defeat sees Rhyn firmly rooted to the foot of the table, and 16 points adrift of safety. They started well, leading 3-1 after the first four through Pip Penrose (21-14), Carron Riley (21-17) and Nathan Lewis (21-20).

One place above, **CHURCH A** also have plenty to do if they are to remain in the top flight despite a 6-4 (140-119) win against visitors Overton A.

Steve Williams (21-5), Phil Laker (21-9) and John Roberts (21-9) were in good form, but Church are still eight points adrift of the next side above them Corwen A who went down 7-3 (154-125) at Johnstown A.

At the other end of the table, title outsiders **WHITTINGTON A** notched a 7-3 (148-140) home win over Ruabon A, Ben Hampson leading the way to 12 and Brian Sinker to 14.

However, with two games left, they are now six points adrift of leaders Ceiriog Valley A who stayed on course for the crown with an 8-2 (164-112) verdict against Johnstown B.

Second placed Chirk A were 7-3 (148-121) winners over **CRIFTINS A** to stay four points off top.

LLANYMYNECH A's challenge in division two suffered a setback when they crashed 10-0 (168-92) at rivals Flexsys A.

CHURCH B shaded a 6-4 (148-129) win at **YE OLDE CROFTE A** to stay clear of the basement sides, Glenys Jones (21-7) their best of the night, while Bryan Parry (21-14) replied.

CRIFTINS B walloped Llangynog A 9-1 (162-110), Andrew Miner (21-8) leading the charge while **ELLESMERE B**, in fifth, swept aside **WHITTINGTON B** 9-1 (162-111), with Mike Edwards winning 21-8.

Bersham defeated visitors Cynwyd A 7-3 (146-129) to keep alive their chances of escaping the drop.

Golfers take challenge of 800-yd hole

MARK Roberts enjoyed his best round of the year to win the Mainwaring Bowl at Welshpool Golf Club on Saturday, scoring an excellent 62 and seeing his handicap reduced by three shots to 15.

Simon Roberts scored a fine 63 to come in second and also lost a shot, his handicap now standing at 11. Chris Roberts (18) came in third with a 64.

Welshpool men suffered a narrow 3-2 defeat in the latest round of the Welsh Team Championships – beaten by Bull Bay at Wrexham Golf Club, despite wins for Mark Fletcher and Mark Templeton.

On Sunday, the A P Squibb Cup was played in fine summer weather. Carwyn Jones (12) clearly enjoyed the change of format to stableford scoring strongly to win with 42 points. Dai Ellis (17) was second on count-back with 39 and in third was Robert Williams (21) also with 39.

The C E Parry mixed foursomes was also played on Sunday. Congratulations to Bob and Linda Aldridge who won with 70.5. Ray and Margaret Bowen were 2nd with 73.5 and in 3rd place were Derrick Arthur and Sue Jones with 76.

The Seniors' August Medal was played on Tuesday and was won by Derrick Arthur (25) with an excellent nett score of 67. Steve Morris (16) was second with 69 just beating into third place Ray Bowen (21) on count-back.

Every nook and cranny of The Golf course was explored in a Cross Country featuring an 800-yard par eight.

The nine extended holes were keenly contested and the winner was Harold Norris (23) with just 14 points. Maggie Cadwallader (28) was second with 10 points, just beating Sammy Marck (15) into third on countback.

Harris stars with bat and ball for Guils

A FINE all round display from David Harris kept Guilsfield on the promotion trail in the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division four with an emphatic 137-run victory away to Quayside.

First, opener Harris struck 55, along with 36 from and Gary Lewis, to put the villagers on course for a challenging 202-7 off 35 overs, Gary Griffiths also chipping in with 24.

In reply, Quayside never recovered from losing three of their first four batsmen without scoring as they crumbled to 65 all out.

Harris completed a good all round game with 3-12 off 11 overs, while Daniel Brown also picked up 3-20

off 10 overs.

WHITTINGTON'S home clash with Shrewsbury IV in the reserve division three was called off due to the wet weather, the teams each picked up five points.

FRANKTON boosted their hopes of a mid-tabs finish in the Shropshire League premier division after dispatching hosts St Georges by nine wickets.

Stuart Lammie (4-10) and Jacob Northwood (4-39) did the damage with four wickets apiece as St Georges were skittled for just 60, before opener Michael Eckard (32no) helped surpass the modest target.

KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY clinched a 34-run win against Beacon at Frankwell as they stayed on course for a top three finish in division one.

Put in to bat by their Shrewsbury hosts, they posted 200-8 in their allotted 50 overs, Gary Darling-ton top scoring with 49 and Hugh Morris weighing in with an unbeaten 30 late on. James Martindale took 4-59.

Beacon gave it a good go in reply, opener Nick Maegraith making 50, but Jak Jones ended any hopes with 4-24 from 10.1 overs, as well as a run out, to wrap up the innings as the hosts were sent back for 166. Knockin picked up a maximum 25 points.

Day to forget sees Oswestry skittled

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

SHELLSHOCKED Oswestry collapsed to their second-lowest score ever in the Birmingham Cricket League as they suffered a miserable time at Halesowen to remain in the lower reaches of the second division table.

Jonathan Miles's side, chasing a revised Duckworth/Lewis total of 160 in 35 overs, were bowled out for a meagre 76 as the batsmen failed for the first time in several weeks.

The loss of talismanic opener Warrick Fynn for a duck in the first over - after three centuries in his previous four innings - gave Oswestry the worst possible start to their chase.

And things got only marginally better as Halesowen paceman Eddie Rhodes - one of the best bowlers in the division - whipped out the next five batsmen at a personal cost of just 26.

Luke Jones hit two sixes on his way to the top score of 22, but a sorry day ended in an 84-run defeat for the Morda Road men.

Earlier, Halesowen had made 139-7 in their 35 overs, an innings which was halted five times by rain. Highlight from Oswestry's point of view was a spectacular diving caught-and-bowled by former skipper Ian Davies, who took 2-20 off seven overs.

Comfortable

Duckworth/Lewis also came into play at Morda Road, where **OSWESTRY II** lost off the last over against league leaders Astwood Bank.

Josh Coleridge hit 49, James O'Reilly 39 and Darron Humphreys 24 not out to help Oswestry to 217 all out in 46.3 overs.

Rain reduced the visitors' target to 161 in 26 overs, and they got there for three wickets - thanks largely to an unbeaten 83 by opener Pete Alexander.

Coleridge completed a good day by taking 2-27. Sunday was a much better day for the Oswestry club, with comfortable victories for the thirds and fourths in the Shropshire League.

A fine spell of bowling by youngster Matt Davies set up the thirds' success against Pontesbury Thirds in the Sunday division one at Morda Road.

Davies took 4-34 to help dismiss the visitors for 127, with two wickets apiece for Owen Aspinall, Josh Darley and Harry Darley.

Jack Roberts then hit an unbeaten 65, Neil Darley 33 and Aspinall 22 not out as Oswestry replied with 131-2 to earn an eight-wicket victory.

OSWESTRY IV went one better with a nine-wicket win at Madeley II in the Sunday second division.

Ivor Pearsall's 6-25 sent Madeley packing for

Edwards bowled over by cup win



Proud finalists at Whittington (from left) winner Dave Edwards, Oswestry League President John Hughes, runner-up Liam Badwick

ONE of the best bowlers ever to grace Shropshire's oldest league has won another title in it.

Dave Edwards is the Oswestry League's new Tote Bookmakers Cup champion after triumphing at Whittington.

The Llangollen man beat Liam

Badwick (Pentre Broughton) in the final.

"The competition was played on a very fast green that quickened as the day went on," said organiser Trevor Roberts.

"Liam reached the final by winning a very close semi-final 21-19

against an in-form Gary Davies from Ceiriog Valley.

"Dave was up against home favourite Aled Davies in his semi, and ran out from 15 across to clinch his place.

"Dave then used his greater experience in the final to run out a

just 96, with Ryan Boyd taking 2-42. Keenan Oakley bowled a fine opening spell, conceding just two runs from his five overs.

Keith Sadler (43) and Ollie Roberts (30no) then led Oswestry to 100-1.

It was a great day for the club's youngsters, as Matt Davies, Josh Darley, Harry Darley, Ryan Boyd, Keenan Oakley and Ollie Roberts are all under-15.

■ Oswestry's first and second teams face double

headers this weekend, with games on Saturday and Monday.

The firsts face Old Elizabethans on Saturday and Coventry and North Warwickshire on Monday, both at Morda Road (midday, while the seconds travel to OE's and Coventry (both 12.30).

The thirds have conceded their game against Frankton Thirds because it clashes with the Bedouins charity day, and the fourths have no fixture.

Black Lion roar home in battle for title

BOWLS by John Bridgwater

four, are looking good for promotion after their 9-1 (161-91) drubbing of **LLANRHAEDR C** with Eaton Williams, Jack Worden and James Candlin (who has 16 wins out of 17 this term) all prevailing to six.

In division five, **IFTON** sealed back-to-back promotions despite their narrow 6-4 (139-137) loss at Chirk C, Tanya Metcalfe keeping the St Martins side in the hunt with a 21-6 success.

With two matches left, they are virtually assured of the title, lying 15 points clear of second place Llanrhaeadr D, and 28 points above Weston Rhyn B in third.

CRIFTINS E stand on the brink of promotion

from division six after their 9-1 (156-80) beating of **CHURCH E**, with Adam Price (21-4) the best of six single figure winners.

Results

Division two: Criftins C 2 (136) Bersham 8 (140), **Division three:** Ellesmere A 8 (141) Johnstown C 2 (111), Llangollen B 8 (146) Plas Kynaston 2 (103), Black Lion 7 (148) Fox Lane 3 (119), Whittington E 2 (135) George 8 (155), Chirk B 9 (160) Ruabon B 1 (77), Johnstown D 9 (155) Ceiriog Valley B 1 (116).

Division four: Llanymynech B 9 (161) Llanrhaeadr C 1 (81), Church C 6 (153) Weston Rhyn C 4 (148), Llanyllin A 9 (159) Cynwyd B 1 (102), Plas Kynaston 7 (151) Llangynog C 3 (130), Ceiriog Valley C 9 (161) Johnstown E 1 (96), Llanrhaeadr B 3 (111) Overton B 7 (150).

Division five: Church D 10 (168) Whittington D 0 (75), Llanrhaeadr D 8 (154) Weston Rhyn B 2 (126), Chirk C 6 (139) Itton 4 (137), Corwen B 3 (126) Criftins D 7 (129), Whittington C 7 (153) Ye Olde Crofte B 3 (103).

Division six: Llanyllin 3 (112) Ponciau Park 7 (141), Llangynog B 2 (97) Pentre Broughton 8 (158), Criftins E 9 (156) Church E 1 (80), Weston Rhyn D 3 (119) Cynwyd C 7 (151), Llanymynech C 7 (155) Llanrhaeadr E 3 (117).

Shropshire Cricket Lge fixtures at the weekend

Saturday

Premier Division

Albrighton v Frankton; Bomere Heath v St Georges; Brosely v Quatt; Forton v Shelton; Sentinel v Madeley; Wern v Ludlow & South Shropshire.

Division 1

Alberbury v Beacon; Cound v Conover; Knockin & Kinnerley v Allscott; Market Drayton v Newtown; Wellington v Lilleshall; Wroxeter Grove v Pontesbury.

Division 2

Cae Glas v Willey; Ellesmere v Iscody & Fenns Bank; Montgomery v Bishop's Castle; Tibberton v Press; Welshpool v Church Streeton; Wheaton Aston v Shrewsbury.

Division 3

Calverhall v Hodnet & Poplew; Church Aston v Chelmarsh; Harcourt v Corvedale; Harpers v Trysull & Seisdon; Llanidloes v Ludlow & South Shropshire; Shifnal v Much Wenlock.

Division 4

Allscott v Wroxeter Grove; Beacon v St Georges; Coton Hall v Quayside; Hinstock v Guilsfield; Overton-on-Dee v Bridgnorth; Quatt v Acton Reynald.

Reserve Division 1

Beacon v Alberbury; Frankton v Wellington; Ludlow & South Shropshire v Wern; Madeley v Sentinel; Quatt v Knockin & Kinnerley; St Georges v Cound.

Reserve Division 2

Condover v Bomere Heath; Iscody & Fenns Bank v Ellesmere; Lilleshall v Montgomery; Pontesbury v Wroxeter Grove; Shelton v Forton; Willey v Cae Glas.

Reserve Division 3

Acton Reynald v Shifnal; Bishop's Castle v Brosely; Corvedale v Allscott; Much Wenlock v Welshpool; Newtown v Albrighton; Shrewsbury v Lilleshall; St Georges v Llanidloes; Whittington v Market Drayton.

Sunday

Division 1

Frankton v Oswestry; Knockin & Kinnerley v Bomere Heath; Newport v Alberbury; Pontesbury v Cound; Sentinel v Worfield; Wellington v Wern.

Division 2

Madeley v Ludlow & South Shropshire.

Evans misses record after traffic delay

GEORGE Evans stormed to victory in round 15 of the Oswestry Paragon evening time series - but a hold up with traffic in Whittington narrowly cost him a new course record.

Evans, of Team Bottrill, rode home in 20 minutes 23 seconds, putting him just two seconds off team mate Josh Williams' best set two weeks earlier. The breezy conditions did not seem to slow Evans who finished over two minutes ahead of nearest rival Stuart Proctor, of Paramount CRT, who took second place in 22.37, with fellow Paramount rider Barrie Pugh third in 22.53.

Fastest junior in fourth place overall and getting closer to his aim of a 22-minute ride was Kieran Morris who put his new bike to good use to finish in 23.04.

Simon Lewis, of Oswestry Peloton, was fifth in 23.33, while Neil Coles took the honours for being the fastest Paragon rider.

He increased his lead in the points' series with just two rounds remaining, taking sixth overall in 24.03 with team mates Andrew Davies (24.21), Darrell Walsh (24.41) and Rob Kerr (24.46) not far behind. There was another Mid Shropshire Wheelers junior in 10th place with 13-year-old Ben Pierce getting under the 25-minute mark for the first time when stopping the watch on 24.52.

Two Paragon juniors took part, with Jack Young finishing in 28.14 and Daniel Dovaston struggling with a stitch to clock 33.37.

Two ladies took part with Paramount's Louise Woodbine quickest in 30.16, finishing ahead of Jessica Pugh of SY Tri (32.14).

The final round of the series takes place on Friday, August 26 with a 7pm start.

Alport beaten

WHITCHURCH ALPORT head to Stockport Town in the Hallmark Security League first division on Saturday before a home clash under the Yockings Park lights against Al-sager Town on Tuesday (7.45pm).

Alport were beaten 2-0 in their last match, at home to Charnock Richard.



Parry takes British Rally title in Ulster

CHAMPAGNE was flowing as Elfyn Evans and Oswestry-based co-driver Craig Parry were crowned 2016 MSA British Rally champions after sealing a commanding victory on a difficult Ulster Rally.

The DMACK duo celebrated their fourth overall rally win from five finishes to move into an unbeatable position in the series with one round still remaining.

Evans, from mid-Wales, followed in the footsteps of his father Gwynndaf – who won the British Rally Championship exactly 20 years ago. Using DMACK's range of recently launched Tarmac rally tyres, he and Parry finished over a minute ahead of the competition after winning half of the 14 demanding special stages.

The championship victory was the highlight of a dominant season for DMACK, after winning on both gravel and Tarmac against opposition from three other tyre manufacturers.

Based in Londonderry, the Ulster Rally took in a range of dirty and slippery country rounds and mountain passes. But the mixed and constantly changing weather conditions meant that the road conditions ranged from dry to full wet with gravel and mud making them treacherously slippery.

However, Evans, from Dolgellau, mastered the conditions better than most and held a slim 4.5 second lead after the opening day's six stages south of the host town.

He and Parry then stepped up the pace in their Autotek-run Ford Fiesta R5 and held a 50-second advantage going into the final loop of three stages. They cruised through the abrasive mountain tests to take a commanding victory and seal a sensational British title for DMACK.

Team-mates Matt Edwards and Will Rogers had a solid debut in a similar Fiesta R5 after sealing the BRC2 title on the previous event.

Llanfair looking for first victory

MANAGER Rhys Stephens will be banking on another resilient showing as Llanfair United chase their first Huws Gray Cymru Alliance win in Saturday's home clash with Gresford Athletic (2.30).

After a narrow defeat to Denbigh Town on the opening day, Llanfair picked up their first point with a hard-fought 0-0 draw at Flint Town United.

And Stephens believes that kind of resolve will put his players in good stead for the rest of their testing campaign.

"We did not draw a single game last season, so getting our first draw in this league is another milestone," he said.

Boosted by their first win of the season, **GUILDSFIELD** entertain Holyhead Hotspur on Saturday.

Manager Dan Barton was happy with the performance after prevailing 1-0 at Gresford Athletic courtesy of an Aaron Edwards goal.

"Again we missed chances, but everyone worked hard, and we thoroughly deserved the win," he said.

Defender Nathan Leonard is out for a few weeks after pulling a hamstring in the win at Gresford.

CRUNCH TIME FOR OSWESTRY

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

OSWESTRY will be hoping for home comforts as they gear up for a crucial Bank Holiday double header which could determine their future in the Birmingham League division two

They face two big games over the weekend, with fifth placed Old Elizabethans the visitors on Saturday before basement rivals Coventry & North Warwickshire also head to Morda Road on Monday, both midday starts.

With just one victory at home this season, Oswestry will be desperate to enjoy more success on their own surrounds as they bid to avoid an end of season relegation scrap.

With five games left, they still find themselves flirting with their basement rivals following a 63-run loss away to promotion chasing Halesowen last weekend.

Defeat kept Oswestry fourth bottom, and just 16 points above Stratford-upon-Avon in the basement places, while they are now only 10 points clear of Coventry & NW, their visitors on Monday.

Fortunately for the Morda Road men, the two sides directly below them also lost, Coventry and NW going down down by four wickets to Shifnal while Stratford succumbed by 53 runs to rock bottom Stourbridge who already look doomed to the drop.

Chairman Mike Robinson admits the side still have plenty to do if they are to avoid being dragged into an end-of-season relegation fight.

"It's daft being in this situation as we've played some good cricket in the middle part of the season, had five winning draws, but just couldn't get a win to pull us up the table," he said.

"We need points this weekend. Ideally we want to win both games, but Monday is the crunch one which we need to win."

Xavi Clarke misses both games through national U15 trials, but opening bowler Dan Bowen may be fit following an Achilles injury. Left arm spinner Mark Robinson is still unavailable.

Oswestry will look for improvements with the bat after being shot out for just 76 at Halesowen last weekend, their second-lowest score in the Birmingham Cricket League.

Despite being frustrated by the weather, high flying **MONTGOMERY** stand on the brink of the Henshalls Shropshire Cricket League division two title. The leaders had to settle for five points from their rain-curtailed clash at CAE Glas, but are still 82 points clear with just four matches remaining.

They will be looking to move in for the crown when they welcome Bishop's Castle on Saturday, while basement side Cae Glas, who themselves appear to be heading for the drop, hope for a change of fortunes at home to Willey.

Second placed **WELSHPOOL**, also sidelined by the rain last weekend, will hope the sun can shine on their promotion chase at home to Church Stretton.

In the same division, **ELLESMERE** entertain Iscody & Penns Bank, while **GUILDSFIELD** bid to step up their promotion pursuit in division four in their trip to Hinstock.

Clarke gets Bunbury call-up



Xavi Clarke gets his Bunbury cap from ex-England cricketer James Taylor, also a Bunbury graduate

YOUNG Oswestry cricketer Xavi Clarke has been selected to play in a Best of Bunbury game that could lead to a trip to Sri Lanka.

The batsman and wrist spinner will represent a combined Midlands and North team in a 12-a-side game at the ECB Performance Centre at Loughborough at the end of the month.

His selection comes after his performances at the prestigious Bunbury Festival where he helped the Midlands claim the T20 honours in the week-long event which was this year held at Radley College in Oxfordshire.

The Midlands and North side will take on a combined London/East and South West team in the three-day game at Loughborough which will start on August 28.

Cricket Shropshire competitions manager Steve Aston, who will manage the combined Midlands and North side for the game, said: "It is only the second year of the Best of Bunbury."

"The game will be used to select a squad to go to Sri Lanka in March for a tour which will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Bunbury Festival."

The annual festival organised by philanthropist and cricket fanatic David English has helped discover and nurture many talented cricketers over the past 30 years.

More than 300 Bunburys have gone onto play first class cricket - and over 60 have represented England.

Steve added: "Xavi's selection for this game means he is one of the best 24 under 15s cricketers in the country. It comes as a result of his performances at the festival and also his form over the season for Oswestry, Worcester Academy and Shropshire Under 15s."

This season Xavi has become an established member of Oswestry's 1st XI playing in division two of the Birmingham League with a top score of 93. He has also chipped in with some useful wickets, including taking 2-16 in his side's winning draw against Stratford-upon-Avon last weekend.

His Bunbury performances included a half century in one of the 50 over games and a quick-fire 46 off 40 balls in one of the Midlands' T20 victories.

Cieslewicz ruled out for four months

WINGER Adrian Cieslewicz looks set to miss the next four months after suffering a double fracture of his skull – but The New Saints boss Craig Harrison is confident the player will make a full recovery, writes **JOHN BRIDGWATER**.

Cieslewicz sustained the horrific injury late on in last Saturday's 5-0 rout at Llandudno in the Dafabet Welsh Premier when colliding with home defender Danny Taylor.

Straight after the game, he was rushed to Glan Clwyd Hospital in St Asaph by ambulance, with scans confirming he had suffered two breaks to his head.

After spending the early part of this week in hospital, he has been told he will not require an operation as the fractures will heal naturally, and should be fully fit again by the end of the year.

Harrison said the news was a big relief to the whole club following an anxious weekend that saw the 25-year old former Wrexham man undergo tests.

"It looked an horrendous injury, and there was a lot of concern for Ciss' welfare at the time, but fortunately there appears to be no underlying health problems and he will make a full recovery," he said.

"Everyone was very subdued after the game and, even though we had won 5-0, there was a very sombre mood in the dressing room. But once we knew that Ciss is going to be okay, it has given everyone a lift."

"However, I can't see him back playing for the rest of this year as it's likely he's going to be out for three or four months."

After the positive update on Ciss' injury, Harrison's thoughts are now turning to Sunday's home clash with Rhyl (3pm) as the defending champions look to make it three wins out of three.

Robbie Parry could be pressing for a start having impressed as substitute, while the TNS boss is also hoping to bring in a couple of new signings.

Pool boss Ingram is stepping down

TERRY Ingram, who took over as Welshpool manager in the summer, has stepped down due to work commitments.

Pool had made a poor start to the Spar Mid Wales League division one season, losing their first four outings before winning 2-0 at Montgomery in midweek.

Previous boss Russell Cadwallader, now the club chairman, will fill the void on an interim basis, while anybody interested in the post can contact Russ on 07788-581014.

In the midweek action, Berriew drew 1-1 with Knighton Town, Richard Davies getting their goal, while Rhayader Town were 4-0 winners at Radnor Valley and Llandrindod Wells went down 3-0 at Hay St Mary's.

The second qualifying round draw has been made for the JD Welsh Cup, all ties to be played on Saturday, September 10.

Selected ties: Aberaeron v Montgomery Town, Abermule v Llanuwchllyn, Borth United v Welshpool Town, Bow Street v Brecon Corries, Carno v Knighton Town, Hay St Marys v Llanrhaeadr, Llanidloes Town v Berriew, Newbridge v Llandrindod Wells, Rhayader v Machynlleth.

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